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100 up! John Kosmina (right) scores the first of three goals against St George last Saturday. It was his 100th NSL goal in league, cup and top four competitions. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Rich prizes

The NSL kicks off at the weekend and Boral Bricks again will sponsor the "Soccer Action" national best player award - the oldest and most coveted in National League soccer.

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Kosmina chases record

Sydney Hakoah v Blacktown
Wentworth Park, Saturday, 3pm.

John Kosmina is zeroing in on Gary Cole's record as the all-time top scorer in the NSL. His National Cup hat-trick last Saturday against St. George put him on 102 league, cup and top four goals, just eight short of Cole.

Kosmina has scored 93 NSL league goals and with Frank Farina and Grant Lee either side of him, stands an excellent chance of notching the ton early in the season.

Hakoah's fearsome striking trio should power the side to victory over 1985 NSW Ampol Cup winner Blacktown as Hakoah sets out on its quest to reclaim the NSL championship it lost in 1983.

There's no doubt that Hakoah holds the edge in class over Blacktown and has much more attacking bite. Not to mention a mean defence where Gerry Gomez will be stopper, Alex Robertson sweeper, Jim Cant right back and Jean Paul de Marigny left back.

Hakoah also holds the edge in midfield and here Blacktown really will be hit hard by the likes of Gary Byrne, who broke two ribs and punctured a lung in an early Ampol Cup game. The running ability of Paul Kay, the strength of Murray Barnes and the play-making qualities of Joe Watson give Hakoah great balance in midfield. Blacktown mid-

fielders Steve Knight, Ricky Hormazabal and Brett Thornthwaite will work hard enough but will they get enough of the ball to give Phil O'Connor and striking partner John Bradley from APIA enough chances to put Todd Clarke under the hammer? I doubt it.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Croatia bids for Odzakov

Domagoj Kapetanovic finally should arrive in Australia this week to take over as coach of Melbourne Croatia which was making a strong bid to sign midfielder Zarko Odzakov from Preston Makedonia as we went to press.

Croatia has offered Makedonia \$15,000 for Odzakov and the Makedonia committee was meeting to discuss the offer.

Croatia's committee met on Monday to talk about last week's bust-up between president Joe Sigur and striker Tommy Cumming, which resulted in Sigur sacking Cumming as player-coach and placing him on the transfer list (see story p.10).

And Croatia has made tentative approaches

to South Melbourne Hellas for unsettled midfielder Kenny Murphy, who missed Friday's deadline to come to terms with Hellas over a new contract. However, Murphy was in the Hellas side that went down 1-0 to Makedonia on Sunday.

Croatia spokesman Frank Burin hoped Kapetanovic's appearance would end the impasse between Croatia and striker Robert Markovic.

"Markovic still is on the transfer list but Kapetanovic is keen to talk to him. Maybe something can be sorted out," said Burin.

Aki Kotzichalis, injured during training with the national youth squad, had a knee operation last week. Croatia already has lost Steve Gojevic through injury but Gojevic hopes to resume in a fortnight.

Assistant coach Miron Bleiburg is in charge of Croatia at the moment.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



Zarko Odzakov

Collins wanted \$900 a week

Doug Collins asked Canberra City Olympians for the equivalent of about \$909 a week to coach the team part-time.

The club and Collins parted company within minutes of the request.

He then asked for \$6800 in severance pay.

The club's dissatisfaction with Collins goes back about three weeks. During that period, Collins was similarly dissatisfied with the club's dissatisfaction.

The club was angry that, with only a week to go before NSL kick-off, it still did not have a strong enough team.

Although his brief was that of full-time manager-coach, Collins recently got a job outside soccer and sought to do the coaching part-time.

In a Press statement last week, Canberra City Olympians announced that the parting of the ways had been in the "best interests of the club."

It said that Collins asked for a new \$20,000 contract to coach part-time during the forthcoming six-month season. That figure represents a weekly wage of about \$909 for 22 matches, not counting finals.

"The club felt this was exorbitant," the statement said, "as was the counter-proposal put forward by Collins that he would part amicably upon payment of \$6800."

Roy Thompson, who was assistant coach to Collins and his predecessors Astle Abonyi and George Murray, was put in charge of the team for last Sunday's Cup match against Rockdale Ilinden and is expected to be confirmed in the job.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Doug Collins

Banovic v Crook

West Ad. Hellas v BU-Juventus
Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30pm

Yakka Banovic makes his league debut with Brunswick Juventus after switching from Melbourne Croatia recently for \$14,000, and Martyn Crook returns to the NSL scene after an 18-month lay off due to business commitments.

Banovic is a former Heidelberg and Derby County star and has played six times for Australia. He also was the

subject of the biggest transfer fee in Australian soccer when he left Heidelberg and joined English club Derby County in 1980.

The terms of that agreement netted Heidelberg over \$100,000! Derby agreed to pay Heidelberg 20,000 pounds when Banovic's contract was signed; 12,500 pounds on December 1, 1981; a further 12,500 pounds on March 1, 1981; 10,000 pounds when Banovic played 10 senior games; and another 10,000 pounds when he played 20 senior games. Banovic played 48 first team games for Derby.

There's been plenty of turmoil at Juventus this season.

But, I expect the club's on-field activities to be much more efficient and it can start off by beating the young Hellas outfit at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

And if Juventus triumphs, Hellas coach Neil McGachey may not leave Hindmarsh till the early hours of Monday morning for McGachey has decided to invite supporters into the grandstand at the end of each game to explain his match tactics! Juventus looks a lot stronger in midfield with Robbie Cullen, Richard Miranda, Paul Wade and perhaps Fabio Incantalupo giving it great strength, running power, ball winning and playmaking ability in this area against Hellas's Steve Atsalas, Chris Manou, Theo Stamatelopoulos and John Panagis.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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Toughest task yet

for John Gardiner

Sunshine-George Cross v. Heidelberg Alexander

Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm

John Gardiner has a monumental decision to make — should he play with Sunshine-George Cross or with Cranbourne?

"Some choice, eh? National League or Provisional Division Three," said Gardiner, the Sunshine-George Cross coach.

But if Sunshine-George Cross can't come to terms with Chris Taylor, Bobby Toal, Gerry Bennett, Mick McGorian and Roger Bain over new contracts, you can back it in that Gardiner will line up on Sunday as sweeper against Heidelberg, the 1985 Buffalo Gold Cup winner. "Maybe I'll have to change things a bit. Maybe we'll just play on the break. It seems to work well for Morwell Falcons," said Gardiner, who has taken on one of the toughest tasks of his coaching career, for 'Cross certainly lacks a couple of top class players to boost its chances of consolidating its NSL status this year.

Carl Gilder is back, Noel Mitten has crossed from Polonia, as has Lou Kastner from Croynon and Ivan Istuk from Chelsea, but during the Buffalo Gold Cup 'Cross struggled in defence and in midfield so against a Heidelberg team that looms as a definite championship prospect, it's hard to see the home side winning on Sunday.

Heidelberg's defence is rock-solid, the running power of John Metaxas and Steve Tasios out wide is exceptional, while Steve Winn and Stewart Stevenson are combining superbly up front. It all points to a win for Heidelberg, doesn't it?

The big difference at 'Cross this year is that Gardiner is renowned for his organisational ability, but whether that can offset the

class difference between these sides, remains to be seen.

Gardiner has been thinking about signing a top flight defender from Scotland but no move has been made yet and with time running out before Sunday's league opener, the 'Cross committee simply has to act and act quickly.

If Heidelberg, as expected, triumphs on Sunday, 'Cross officials might be prodded into action. If so, it'll be a case of better late than never.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



John Gardiner (left) in his last appearance for Victoria against New York Cosmos in 1982. Charlie Yankos is alongside Gardiner.

TOO HARD!

Penrith v. St. Geo. Budapest
Cook Park, Sunday, 3 pm

Hear the story of Budapest's super recruit, Paul Wormley? He came over from leisurely Perth and trained a while under Frank Arok. Then he scurried back home, shellshocked!

The training was too hard for him, he said.

It's much better in Perth, where he has to train much less rigorously and only twice a week.

Wormley played for West Adelaide Hellas before he went to Perth, and last year Sydney City Hakoah was interested in the big striker.

Having lost Wormley, and having also failed to sign Marshall Soper and Rod Brown, St. George Budapest was left with only one new recruit — Roy

Cotton whose great skill and flair make him a rarity in Australian soccer.

The rest of the team is the same solid, reliable bunch that has won the club's colors with such success for the past three or four years.

David Skeen, Mark Barton, Pedro Ricoy — when he plays — Dez Marton and Cotton provide the occasional flash of excitement, but even with pedestrian soccer, they should account for colorless Penrith.

Penrith, let's face facts, is a collection of players who didn't make it with their previous clubs. And none of them, apart from Dave McIntosh, can be said to have changed that impression last season, or in the recent Ampol Cup final, which they lost 1-2 to Blacktown. LAURIE SCHWAB



Mark Barton

Will Bertogna stay with Reda in midfield?

APIA v. Wollongong

Lambert Park, Sunday, 3 pm

What Wollongong needs in this game is dedicated prayer or a repeat of Alex Bundalo's efforts against Israel.

Bundalo scored twice in the final World Youth Championship qualifying match against Israel, to give the young Socceros a 3-2 victory and a berth in the finals in the USSR in August.

Only Bundalo and Peter Kotamandis have any attacking ability to speak of, whereas APIA recently added to its goalkeeping potential by signing Arno Bertogna to midfield, and giving Ali Reda a permanent position in the team.

Reda, a tall, strong, elegant and forceful midfielder who was in the Kogarah High School team that won

the Australian schools championship two years ago, scored one of the goals in APIA's 2-1 victory over Sydney Hakoah in their Ampol Cup match.

Bertogna, who has played most of his career as centre back, was switched to central midfield by coach Bill Botallico during the Ampol Cup, with Ian Rowden and Bertie Mariani in central defensive positions.

Whether Botallico perseveres with this new line-up remains to be seen. Certainly Bertogna would be an asset in midfield because he can get forward more easily from there.

APIA has lost John Bradley, Vic Bozanic and Peter Treddnick, but still looks quite useful. Moves were afoot to recruit locally and overseas, as we went to press.

In short — APIA to win quite easily. —LAURIE SCHWAB

VICTORIAN YOUTH LEAGUE 1985 FIXTURE LIST

Round 1 — Sunday, 10th March: Sunshine George Cross v Heidelberg Utd, Footscray v Preston, 5th Melbourne v Green Gully, Frankston Pines v Brunswick Juv, Croynon City v Hawthorn, Melbourne Croatia v Footscray.
Round 2 — Sunday, 17th March: Heidelberg Utd v Footscray, Preston v 5th Melbourne, Brunswick Juv v Green Gully, Hawthorn City v Frankston Pines, Footscray v Croynon City, Sunshine George Cross v Melbourne Croatia.
Round 3 — Sunday, 24th March: Preston v Brunswick Juv, Green Gully v Hawthorn City, Frankston Pines v Footscray, Croynon City v Sunshine George Cross, 5th Melbourne v Footscray, Melbourne Croatia v Heidelberg Utd.
Round 4 — Sunday, 31st March: Footscray v Melbourne Croatia, Heidelberg Utd v Croynon City, Sunshine George Cross v Frankston Pines, Footscray v Green Gully, Hawthorn City v Preston, Brunswick Juv v 5th Melbourne.
Round 5 — Sunday, 7th April: Frankston Pines v Heidelberg Utd, Croynon City v Hawthorn City, Preston v Footscray, Green Gully v Sunshine George Cross, Brunswick Juv v Footscray.
Round 6 — Sunday, 14th April: Footscray v Croynon City, Melbourne Croatia v Frankston Pines, Heidelberg Utd v Green Gully, Sunshine George Cross v Preston, Footscray v 5th Melbourne, Hawthorn City v Brunswick Juv.
Round 7 — Sunday, 21st April: Brunswick Juv v Footscray, 5th Melbourne v Sunshine George Cross, Hawthorn City v Footscray, Preston v Heidelberg Utd, Green Gully v Melbourne Croatia, Frankston Pines v Croynon City.
Round 8 — Sunday, 28th April: Footscray v Hawthorn City, Sunshine George Cross v Brunswick Juv, Heidelberg Utd v 5th Melbourne, Melbourne Croatia v Frankston Pines, Croynon City v Green Gully, Footscray v Frankston Pines.
Round 9, 5th May: Hawthorn City v Sunshine George Cross, Green Gully v Frankston Pines, 5th Melbourne v Melbourne Croatia, Brunswick Juv v Heidelberg Utd, Preston v Croynon City, Footscray v Footscray.
Round 10 — Sunday, 12th May: Frankston Pines v Preston, Footscray v Green Gully, Melbourne Croatia v Brunswick Juv, Croynon City v

5th Melbourne, Sunshine George Cross v Footscray, Heidelberg Utd v Hawthorn City.
Round 11 — Sunday, 19th May: Sunshine George Cross v Footscray, Preston v Green Gully, 5th Melbourne v Frankston Pines, Brunswick Juv v Croynon City, Hawthorn City v Melbourne Croatia, Footscray v Heidelberg Utd.
Round 12 — Sunday, 26th May: Heidelberg Utd v Sunshine George Cross, Preston v Footscray, Green Gully v 5th Melbourne, Brunswick Juv v Frankston Pines, Hawthorn City v Croynon City, Hawthorn City v Melbourne Croatia.
Round 13 — Sunday, 2nd June: Footscray v Heidelberg Utd, 5th Melbourne v Preston, Green Gully v Brunswick Juv, Frankston Pines v Hawthorn City, Croynon City v Footscray, Melbourne Croatia v Sunshine George Cross.
Round 14 — Sunday, 9th June: Brunswick Juv v Preston, Hawthorn City v Green Gully, Footscray v Frankston Pines, Sunshine George Cross v Croynon City, Footscray v 5th Melbourne, Heidelberg Utd v Melbourne Croatia.
Round 15 — Sunday, 16th June: Melbourne Croatia v Footscray, Croynon City v Heidelberg Utd, Frankston Pines v Sunshine George Cross, Green Gully v Footscray, Preston v Hawthorn City, 5th Melbourne v Brunswick Juv.
Round 16 — Sunday, 23rd June: Heidelberg Utd v Frankston Pines, Melbourne Croatia v Croynon City, Hawthorn City v 5th Melbourne, Footscray v Preston, Sunshine George Cross v Green Gully, Footscray v Brunswick Juv.
Round 17 — Sunday, 30th June: Croynon City v Footscray, Frankston Pines v Melbourne Croatia, Green Gully v Heidelberg Utd, Preston v Sunshine George Cross, 5th Melbourne v Footscray, Brunswick Juv v Hawthorn City.
Round 18 — Sunday, 7th July: Footscray v Brunswick Juv, Sunshine George Cross v 5th Melbourne, Footscray v Hawthorn City, Hawthorn City v Melbourne Croatia v Green Gully, Croynon City v Frankston Pines.
Round 19 — Sunday, 14th July: Hawthorn City v Footscray, Brunswick Juv v Sunshine

George Cross, 5th Melbourne v Heidelberg Utd, Preston v Frankston Pines, Green Gully v Croynon City, Melbourne Croatia v Footscray.
Round 20 — Sunday, 21st July: Sunshine George Cross v Hawthorn City, Frankston Pines v Green Gully, Melbourne Croatia v 5th Melbourne, Heidelberg Utd v Brunswick Juv, Croynon City v Preston, Footscray v Footscray.
Round 21 — Sunday, 28th July: Preston v Frankston Pines, Green Gully v Footscray, Brunswick Juv v Melbourne Croatia, 5th Melbourne v Croynon City, Footscray v Sunshine George Cross, Hawthorn City v Heidelberg Utd.
Round 22 — Sunday, 18th August: Footscray v Sunshine George Cross, Green Gully v Preston, Frankston Pines v 5th Melbourne, Croynon City v Brunswick Juv, Melbourne Croatia v Hawthorn City, Heidelberg Utd v Footscray.

© 27-28 July, and 3-4 August set aside for proposed International Series.
Round 23 — Sunday, August: Preston v Frankston Pines, Green Gully v Footscray, Brunswick Juv v Melbourne Croatia, 5th Melbourne v Croynon City, Footscray v Sunshine George Cross, Hawthorn City v Heidelberg Utd.
Round 24 — Sunday, 18th August: Footscray v Sunshine George Cross, Green Gully v Preston, Frankston Pines v 5th Melbourne, Croynon City v Brunswick Juv, Melbourne Croatia v Hawthorn City, Heidelberg Utd v Footscray.



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Marshall Soper

Newcastle-Rosebud v Sydney Olympic
Adamstown Oval, Saturday, 7 pm

I'm really confident that Olympic can retain the Australian Conference championship and I reckon that we'll get just the start we need when we travel to northern NSW to take on Newcastle-Rosebud on Saturday at 7pm.

I've heard that Adamstown Oval is in good nick this year. I hope so, for that will suit a ball-playing side like Olympic.

The teams that will be pressing us for the title will be Sydney Hakoah, St George and, believe it or not, Sydney Croatia. I reckon that Croatia is going to be playing a tremendous, attacking brand of football this year and will give us fans plenty of value for money.

But back to our game against the 'Buds. We've lost Jim Patikas to Sydney Croatia and Martin Rogers and Mike Coady are playing in England but we've signed former Marconi player Stuart Johnson and after all the speculation about what was going to happen to Marshall Soper, he finally re-signed for us last week, which is great news.

Johnson probably will line-up at right back against Newcastle-Rosebud with Alex Lambropoulos taking over Coady's central defensive role. I'll probably be in midfield alongside Peter Raskopoulos and Gary Phillips, with big Marshall, Chris Kalantzis and Nick Theodorakopoulos up front.

For mine, that's a pretty formidable line-up and although I don't expect us to repeat our 5-1 thrashing of the 'Buds at Adamstown Oval last year, I'm still very, very confident that we'll win this one.

To be honest, I don't know an awful lot about the 'Buds but I do know that Clint Gosling is a brilliant young goalie and Joe Senkalski is a class midfielder.

They'll probably have big Mike Boogard at the back along with Neil Owens and I'm kind of hoping that little striker Derek Todd hasn't come back from England yet because he's a damn good player.

I reckon that they'll be pretty physical, not in a dirty sort of way, but in a hard working, robust way. That's one of the strengths of the 'Buds, and there's no way that this will be an easy game for us. No way at all.

I believe that Howard Treddnick is back in Newcastle on loan from Melita and will line up against us. He's a good left back and he'll certainly strengthen the 'Buds at the back.

But that's where they'll have to be very strong because we're planning on commercial TV and what an attraction that must be for sponsors.

Sponsors galore!

Sponsors, sponsors and more sponsors. It's incredible. I've never known the NSL to kick off a season in better shape with regard to sponsors.

We've got Olympic Airways as the main sponsor, Soccerpools chipping in a sum reported to be around \$60,000, Rothmans coming to the party with sponsorship of a Player of the Year award and talk of maybe West Nally giving the league as much as \$100,000 as its share of last year's World Series.

Fantastic.

I just hope that that money is put to good use. A few years back, soccer was far better off than basketball in Australia but with astute administration and promotion, basketball now has won regular coverage on commercial TV and what an attraction that must be for sponsors.

APIA to get the 'gone first'

Remember you read it here first, folks. Wollongong will beat APIA this weekend and pull off the shock of the round!

Wollongong thumped St George 5-1 a few weeks back in a friendly match and APIA isn't as strong as it was last year, so everything points to a 'Gong win for mine.

Down south, the Footscray J.U.S.T. v Makedonia clash should draw a huge crowd to Schintler Reserve while South Melbourne Hellas and Croatia should take their first points of the season at the expense of Green Gully and Adelaide Juventus respectively.

Goal machine Stojilovic led Petrovic, Bajevic to victory

By LAURIE SCHWAB

While playing alongside Yugoslav internationals Vladimir Petrovic and Dusan Bajevic, Footscray J.U.S.T.'s new midfielder Milan Stojilovic scored the winning goal in a 3-2 triumph over Velez Mostar in front of 30,000 people in Mostar.

His team mates also included Nikizic and Ivezic of Vojvodina and Laszlo Lerinc, the bald winger who had a short stint with St George Budapest a few years ago.

That experience is in sharp contrast with the rest of Stojilovic's career, spent with Victorian minor league clubs Cheltenham, Carlton, Bosch and Springvale United.

He had joined J.U.S.T. along with his Springvale United mate Dragan Janjic, determined to demonstrate in the National League the goalscoring ability that has given him an average of about 30 goals a year over the past decade.

It was in 1975, while in the Yugoslav Army, that he played in the company of Bajevic and Petrovic.

Stojilovic came to Australia in 1971 at the age of 16, but when he returned for a holiday four years later, he suddenly found himself dragged into the army for national service training.

"I hadn't expected that, but I didn't mind too much because I was young. I spent 15 months in the army, and I made many good friends and met plenty of soccer players," he says.

It was on June 6, 1976 — he remembers the date distinctly — that Stojilovic lined up in a Bosnia State representative team of soldiers, to play a friendly match against Velez in Mostar, in the company of some of Yugoslavia's greatest players.

Bajevic was voted man of the match, but it was Stojilovic's goal that gave the soldiers their 3-2 victory. Bajevic, incidentally, was contracted to Velez, the club against which he was playing.

You'll remember that Velez toured Australia in 1976, drawing 2-2 with the Socceroos in Sydney, and 2-2 with Victoria in a match that was abandoned just before the end due to crowd disturbances.



Yugoslav international Dusan Bajevic (right)

Stojilovic, 30, trialled with J.U.S.T. in 1976 and 1978 but decided both times not to join the club. The first time he had just returned from the Yugoslav army and didn't have a car to travel from his home in the eastern suburbs, and later because he already had had one transfer that year — from Cheltenham to Springvale United.

J.U.S.T. was disappointed, for Stojilovic had a spectacular record in the lower leagues. During his two years with Cheltenham in the District League, the club was undefeated one season and finished second the year before, with Stojilovic scoring "about 30 or 40" goals in both campaigns.

In 1974, while with Bosch, he was top scorer, with 35 goals, in the First Division of the Industrial League.

Next stop was Springvale United and in his five years there, he was best and fairest player and top scorer in each season, and the club jumped an incredible seven divisions.

Janjic, 27, played as a defensive midfielder during those seasons, with Stojilovic having an attacking midfield role. No, he wasn't playing up front, even though he did score all those goals! The two strikers last year were Milenko Culibrik and Dragoslav Jelic.

In 1983, Stojilovic was top scorer in the Second Division and the Provisional League, scoring 33 goals, and last year he notched 17 although he missed six games through injury.

J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic watched Stojilovic playing for "Yugoslavia" in the Victorian All Nations Cup late in 1984, and decided to try gain to sign him. He was successful this time, but Stojilovic's luck deserted him in his first few games during the Buffalo Gold Cup.

Against Heidelberg, Jeff Oliver saved my penalty, and then he saved another shot after I had taken on Angele and Yankos. Against Fawkner I hit the post twice, and Fawkes scored in the last 10 minutes," he said.

"But we are playing attractive soccer, and I think we will get the crowds back. If we don't have injuries, we will be a good side, but already we have one injury — Emil Petrov, who has a bad ankle."

Meanwhile, Stojilovic practiced his shooting in a friendly match against Pasco Vale, scoring a goal in a 4-2 victory. Ernie Tapai, the young winger signed from Melbourne Hungaria, scored twice, and Theo Vagias, on trial from Heidelberg, also scored. Whether or not J.U.S.T. buys Vagias remains to be seen.

J.U.S.T. failed to sign Claude Lucchesi from Makedonia, so it still does not have a central striker.

"Maybe I will have to run in the midfield all the time, and Suleiman Curvoic too," Stojilovic says. "White Belic and Janjic stay back."

In other words, J.U.S.T. is likely to play with only two up front — Tapai and Bill Lazopoulos, the speed machine from Western Suburbs.

The departure of Dennis Boland leaves a giant hole in the J.U.S.T. team. Mark Turudia from Hellas, Zoran Vlanic and Peter Hrehoresin are the three goalkeepers at the club but all are young and inexperienced.

Will J.U.S.T. do well in the league with this rebuilt team, or will it be forced into the transfer market? Stojilovic says it all depends on how "Plavi" (the Blues) fare in early matches.

And if they win them, they'll go close to winning the championship, for their first five games are against... wait for it...

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Vladimir Petrovic



Milan Stojilovic



Makedonia's Robbie Dunn (left) is awesome in the air. Here he heads clear as Heidelberg's Stewart Stevenson (right) climbs all over Makedonia's George McMillan. Theo Selemidis of Heidelberg and Ian Dobson of Makedonia are onlookers. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

11 players gone, but J.U.S.T. can draw

Footscray J.U.S.T. v Makedonia

Schintler Reserve, Sunday 3 pm

Only four players remain from the J.U.S.T. team that lost 0-1 to Makedonia in the last league match of 1984 — Suleiman Curvoic, Tom Karic, Vlatko Belic and Zdravko Lujic.

Gone are Boland, Hazabent, Tuttil, Tansey, Caban, Carroll, O'Donnell, Paton, McDowell, Taylor and Kyriakoulas who still is away on business.

It will be the toughest possible test for J.U.S.T.'s new-look team whose brief is to play skilful, continental soccer, with the accent on control and inter-passing, leading up to breakaways by wingers Ernie Tapai and especially Bill Lazopoulos.

Right back Emil Petrov, who was on loan to Central City Red Star last year, was injured in a recent Cup game, so he won't be available. Milan Durdevic, who played in the youth league last year, is likely to take Petrov's place.

If coach Cedo Cirkovic has brought about drastic changes at J.U.S.T., then so too has Bill Murray at Makedonia. Although the personnel is largely the same as in that last game of 1984 — only Lucchesi and Campbell are missing — the team's approach is quite radically different.

There is a lot more purpose in the way Makedonia attacks. The forwards are combining quite well, and everything up front is being done with a lot of speed and sharpness.

Makedonia is one of the early favorites for the championship — along with Heidelberg, Alexander and, of course, Hellas if it regains its 1984 form — while J.U.S.T. has little to lose apart from the pride of the players and those who run the club.

Almost every other club in the league has concentrated over the years on British players. J.U.S.T. and also the two Croatias, are turning continental in the hope of providing more imaginative soccer and more import-

antly, luring back some of the lost spectators.

To be successful, J.U.S.T. will need defensive strength as well as attacking flair, and in Tom Karic, Branislav Jovic and Vlatko Belic, it has strength to burn. However, Mark Turudia lacks experience in goal, as does Durdevic at right back.

J.U.S.T. started the 1984 season with a 1-1 draw against Makedonia. Zdravko Lujic — now playing left back — scored for J.U.S.T. and Cole for Makedonia.

Another draw wouldn't surprise.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



• This type of attention didn't stop Paul Lewis (front) from scoring against Hellas in the Buffalo Cup. Will it stop him on Sunday? The Hellas players surrounding Lewis are, from left: Peter Vardaxis, Kris Kalitaditis, Carl Halford and Steve Blair.

LEWIS TO SOCK IT TO HELLAS

If Hellas play the type of rubbish it dished up in the Buffalo Gold Cup, it will lose to Green Gully, but the Hellas players are better than that.

Not that they can expect to win just because they've got the reputation. Green Gully's men are just as proud, they fight just as hard, and they want just as much to win — especially against the champions.

Claude Lucchesi has joined Green Gully's ace striker Paul Lewis who has something to prove every time he meets Hellas. Who will forget the laughable way Hellas discarded Lewis just a few weeks after recruiting him from Green Gully last season?

Lewis had a taste of satisfaction during the Buffalo Cup when he scored in the 36th minute. It took Hellas until the very last minute of play to equalise through Carl Halford.

Lucchesi scores goals himself — he has notched 31 in NSL and Cup matches — and his skill will enable him to get out of tight situations and lay on chances for Lewis. With Kevin Lloyd — also a goalscorer — supporting these two, Green Gully will give Hellas's defence lots of headaches.

Talking about the Hellas defence, Angie Postecoglou should line up at left back, relegating Chris Kalitaditis to the bench. Stuart Cannell was sent off last Sunday so either Jim Murray or Steve McLelland will be stopper with Robert Krajacic as sweeper. Andrew Young from Canberra may play in one of the fullback spots.

With Oscar Crino back from injury, Hellas has a powerful midfield combination which should read: Carl Halford, Crino, Gary McDowell and Ken Murphy.

I'll stick my neck out, though, and go for Green Gully, because Bobby McLachlan's men have been playing with far greater enthusiasm than has Hellas.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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BAZ WAS THE BEST SINCE ATTI ABOUT

IF I were just a social soccer watcher (which, sometimes, I wish I was), I'd be heading his week-end to Canberra to see again one of my favorite Australian footballers: Baz Giampaolo.



LES MURRAY

Contractual snags involving APIA permitting, Baz (or Sebastian, if you prefer, or even Seb, which I certainly don't) will make his return to the NSL for newly promoted Inter Monaro, spearheading the attack of the newcomers against his former club, Canberra Arrows.

Don't blame Baz if he thumps the devil out of the Arrows' net, even if most of the officials who disapproved him are now gone. It was they who, in one very foul and very foolish swoop, stunted Giampaolo's rising career in 1984.

Giampaolo, of the fleet foot, of the impeccable control, of the sweeping acceleration and rocketing first-time shot, emerged in that era as the most exciting young player since Atti Abonyi.

National League watchers could only read about his early exploits in the State League with Inter Monaro but once he joined Canberra in 1984 all was revealed.

Then under the helm of Vic Fernandez, the type of coach who valued Giampaolo's technical gifts immensely, young Baz made a fiery start to his NSL career and looked set for a blossoming international future.

His power and skill (he had a quaint and lethal mixture of both) in one early game against St George, won by Canberra 4-1 at Barton Park, was a sight to behold. How anyone who saw that game could lose faith in the future of such a player is mystifying but Canberra did and by the end of the season Giampaolo was gone.

Midway through the year Canberra, which four years earlier had not existed, thought it improper that it was unlikely to win the championship.

In a year which Fernandez needed to fashion his new players into a team, grumbles behind the scenes got too loud to bear and Fernandez, a man with a most admirable football philosophy, was sacked.

His replacement was one John Brown, an honest but colorless centre half whose lack of sophistication as a coach was soon mirrored in his methods. His means of revitalizing the team was to have the players lob long, useless balls into the penalty area on to the head of Terry Byrne, a defender turned into an attacker for the purposes of the mission.

Baz Giampaolo, who in truth had been inconsistent already, didn't fit into this brainless pattern and he was dropped.

The switch, for a club overcome by ambition, was not fruitful and Canberra finished tenth in a 14-team league.

Later Giampaolo, and partner Walter Valeri, were transferred to APIA. Leichhardt, which, frankly, didn't seem the right move either, for a player of Giampaolo's attributes.

On the tight, rugged Lambert Park pitch, and in a club whose playing style was always based more on brawn than science, such a technician never, in my view, had a future and, compounded by nagging injuries, APIA's most promising Italian connection since Johnny Giacometti failed.

Giampaolo's headiest days remain those early ones in the State League with Monaro and his luckiest fans are still those who weren't distracted by

the NSL and could sample his early promise.

Now at 23, Giampaolo might just salvage that early promise. And if he is half the player he was before persistent and blind officialdom threatened to ruin his career, even Frank Arok might be tempted to look him over.

Five years after Baz Giampaolo had hit his peak, the ACT school appears to have unearthed another most exciting prospect whose future as a senior Australian international seems, to me, assured.

I speak of Andrew Bernal the youth Soccerco skipper, currently of the Sports Institute and maybe soon of Sporting Gijon in the Spanish first division.

Interestingly, youth coach Jimmy Shoulder was busily espousing the view that there were no superstars in his team at a time when it was being captained by a young man who certainly has the makings of one.

All the goals and brilliance of Chris Kalantzis notwithstanding, the player of the youth tournament was without doubt Bernal.

His control and passing ability are equally superb and his instinct for captaincy, his eagerness to command and orchestrate, reminds one of England's celebrated Bryan Robson.

I have said that the ability of our players to break into the richer pastures of Europe is a good thing for our game and I'm not about to retract that now.

But you'll pardon me if I shed a few soccer tears at Bernal's looming departure.

Speaking of the youth tournament, allow me to gloat for a moment about an old but not yet dead topic.

Did you notice the weather conditions during the tournament?

Did you notice how cool it was? Did you sweat under your Panama hat or did you in fact wear a jacket over your shirt to stop yourself shivering in the evening breeze?

Yes. Summer soccer, the idea that has been suffocated by fear mongering at the prospect of the February heat.

How about it, fellas? Is it still too hot to try?



Now it's Canberra City Olympians. Sonia Mistic (left) and Julie Marks display the club's new name and logo, featuring the symbol of main sponsor, James Hardie Industries.

Inter Monaro v. Canberra Olympians

Seiffert Oval, Sunday 3 pm



Tom English due today, but Inter to triumph

Marko Perinovic

Canberra Arrows, err... City... err... Olympians (sounds like Fitzroy United Heidelberg United Alexander Warriors, doesn't it?) expects striker Tommy English of Coventry and Leicester fame to arrive today (Wednesday) but in the meantime the Olympians — now firmly aligned with the Greek community — will lose to Italian club Inter Monaro.

The new Olympians tag is derived from Downer Olympic, the Greek club which took over Canberra two years ago. Look out for the Olympians v Olympic clashes later in the season!

Down to business, now. The Olympians' (Canberra, that is) first serious test so far was against Newcastle Rosebud United in the Prime Minister's Cup, which they lost 0-2 at Adamstown Oval two weeks ago.

Little wonder, since Canberra's best player, George Christopoulos, as well as strikers Frank Farina and Alan Reis all have left the club.

Even the return from injury of Peter Burke and Terry Byrne won't offset Canberra's losses unless Tommy English turns out to be a world beater.

Tommy Sermanni and Steve Bryant, both playing wide in midfield, and goalkeeper Tony Franken, are the Olympians' strongest cards, but Inter Monaro will trump them.

Why? Because Inter Monaro features no less than seven former Canberra City (or Arrows, or Olympians) players and for some sadistic reason, such players are said to be intent on crushing their former team mates every time they meet them. Strange thing, sport!

The seven are: full back Walsh, midfielder Farrell who also played for Preston-Makedonia, forwards Valeri, Giampaolo and Brennan; utility player Ambrosino and goalkeeper Hoszowski.

Between them, Valeri, Brennan and Giampaolo scored 66 NSL goals before joining Inter Monaro in the NSW State League, and they're itching to add to their total now that they're back in top company.

Valeri was top scorer in the NSW State League last season, with 18 goals — one more than Ross Brown of Rockdale Ilinden — and he'll get service this year from recruit Chris Thannidis from Yugal.

All Inter Monaro needs is steady performances from centre backs Santolin and Titilas, in order to keep Canberra strikers Perinovic and Gibson at bay. Perinovic in particular could make this entire preview a load of unfounded bullshit if he's allowed to use his considerable heading ability near goal. I doubt it, though.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Old Asian Cup a flop

The idea of an Asian Champions' Cup, revived at the recent NSL Cup draw, is not a new one.

Indeed, the competition was actually a reality at one time; being contested four times between 1967 and 1971.

Problems dogged the tournament from the outset. Most persistent of these were politics and finance.

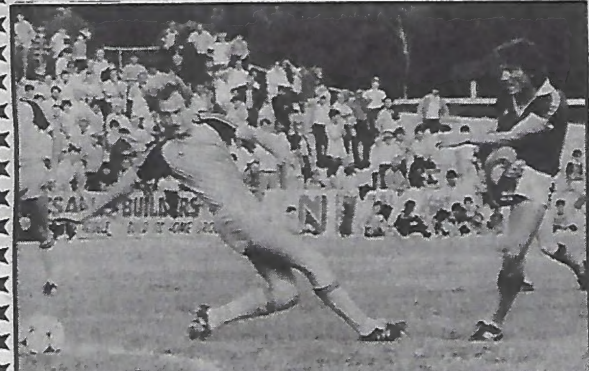
Israel's presence prompted a spate of withdrawals, including Homenetmen (Lebanon) from the 1970 semi-finals and Al Shurta (Iraq) from the following year's final.

Financial considerations necessitated that the original format of two legs, home and away, similar to the European cups, was abandoned after one year in favor of a fortnight-long tournament at one venue. But subsequent events still lost a great deal of money.

Israel's banishment from the Asian Football Confederation should erase any possibility of politics interfering with a resurrected Champions' Cup, but economics remains a probable stumbling block.

Irrespective of its format, an Asian Champions' Cup does not appear feasible unless substantial sponsorship can be acquired.

— PAUL MOON



Inter Monaro striker Sebastian Giampaolo (right) in action for his former club APIA against Heidelberg Alexander stopper Don MacLeod.

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Lions, inspired by hard-working midfielders like John and Russell Stewart, John Ogden and young second-year Richard Basingthwaite are experts at wearing teams down.

— RICKY ROSSO

Only the most optimistic of Brisbane City supporters could be predicting a home win against Lions at Spencer Park this weekend. The pre-season preparations of the two sides could not have been more contrasting.

For Lions, everything has been rosy. Following their surge into the semi-finals last season a mood of success has been sweeping the club.

All players bar Ray Junna, who switched to City, reported for pre-season training and all but striker Joe Calmey have signed contracts for the coming season.

The team has been settled under coach Gordon Arrowsmith and downed city 1-0 in the final of the pre-season Silver Boot competition at Richlands a fortnight ago.

For City, it has been one disaster after another. First, captain and midfield general Frank Pimblett failed to attend pre-season training. He complained that the club was not doing enough to strengthen the side which had finished no higher than third bottom the past three years.

His stay-away attitude culminated in a two-week suspension and one week for each extra week he stayed away. His subsequent reaction was that he would sit out the season.

Big stopper Frank Liddell then refused to return from Scotland until City made a firm, long-term offer. But his stand-off attitude resulted in his re-entry visa expiring in the meantime.

Things started to look better for City when Victorians Jed Stenson and Mark Wilson arrived on the scene. But first both could not be accommodated because of a lack of visa places then things soured when it was discovered their visas had expired. Similar complications arose in the attempted transfer of Alan Reis from Canberra. New City coach Tony Lownds has battled on despite the setbacks and believes with the use of local Brisbane talent he has a side prepared to fight.

"We have no prima donnas," is the club's catch-cri this season.

But at the same time, City has no play-maker, and seemingly no natural goalscorer.

With Kim Wishart, Ray Junna, Mike Milovanovic and Gary Bromfield among the defence the team probably will hold out for long periods, but then can only do so much.

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George Hannah jokes about being called "over the hill at 27," but he's not in such good humor when he recalls being told by Leeds United, Tottenham Hotspur, Newcastle United and Dundee that he was too old at 19.

"I was playing with Ayrshire against Tayside and scouts from Leeds, Spurs, Newcastle and Dundee all approached my coach. He told them I was 19 and they said that I was too old. They were looking for lads just out of school," said Hannah, Melbourne Croatia's musclemen in defence.

Hannah doesn't mind being described as a hard man, as long as there's no implication of being dirty in that description. "I'm a pretty determined sort of player I suppose but I always go for the ball. I'm more of a ball winner than anything else, because I guess my tackling is my strong point. My job is to win the ball and give it to the guys who can do something with it."

Another of Hannah's strengths is his amazing stamina. He's a superb athlete, and the interest shown in him by professional clubs in England and Scotland is surprising when you consider that between the ages of 11 and 16 he never played soccer, preferring to concentrate on athletics.

I went to Gleisnock High School. It was a small, all-boys school and athletics was the go there. I concentrated on 100 and 200-metre sprints and I did reasonably well. I've still got a few trophies at home.

Hannah is one of Croatia's most consistent performers. His consistency won him a trophy in Croatia's club awards at the end of last season and he seems to have carried on from where he left off in 1984.

"I've never had better press write-ups than I'm getting just now. I don't really know why that is because I haven't changed as a player."

"The press is very important because, if it wants to, it can make or break a player. It certainly can do a lot of damage to a coach if it's not on his side."

Hannah was born in Irvine, Ayrshire, in Scotland. When he was 16 he was approached by Auchinleck, a local amateur club, and played two seasons there. He was spotted by officials from a local club, Craigmarck, and his first game was a Cup match, against Dally Thistle.

Stan Webster, the former Hakoah Melbourne and Doveton striker, presently on the move from Marwell Falcons, was playing for Craigmarck and scored a hat-trick in that game. Dally Thistle's goalkeeper was Jim Lightfoot, who now plays for Aberdeen and Scotland.

After almost two seasons with Craigmarck, Hannah joined Glenworth in a higher division. Webster had gone to Australia to play with Hakoah and asked Hannah to come over.



George Hannah

HANNAH THE HARD MAN

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

"I was already married and had a wee son at the time but my job prospects in Scotland didn't look good. In fact there was the chance that I'd lose my job in two months' time," said Hannah.

"I thought that I could offer my family a lot more by coming to Australia and I was right. I love this place. I'm really settled here and I've got a good job. I'm working in a school as a carpenter. Hannah arrived in Melbourne on a Friday in April, 1981. He played in a State League reserves match with Hakoah against George Cross at Chaplin Reserve the next day.

"It was only about 23 degrees but I thought I was playing on the equator!" Hannah's first senior game for Hakoah came a few weeks later, against Frankston City at Middle Park. He lined up as stopper against City's new import Charlie Egan. It wasn't a new experience for Hannah who had played against Egan in a quarter-final of the West of Scotland Cup. But the standard of refereeing in State League was new to Hannah.

"Back home the game was mostly physical. I'd never been booked much in Scotland but over here I was suspended after playing nine games. To be honest, the refs in the State League leave a lot to

be desired but the refs in the National League are good."

South Melbourne Hellenas and Hakoah amalgamated in 1982 and it wasn't until 1983, under coach Rale Rasic, that Hannah received recognition in the Hellenas seniors.

"I played two games for Hellenas in the Ampol Cup. Up until then, nothing much had happened for me but those two games still didn't change my situation much. There wasn't much future for me at Hellenas."

"I didn't like Rasic as a man. He knew everything there was to know about the game but he seemed to take the confidence out of players, by the way he spoke to them."

Hannah switched to Melbourne Croatia for \$5,000 in 1983 and it took him only a handful of games to establish himself in Croatia's first team.

John Gardiner, Tommy Cumming, Terry Hannassy and Tony Vrzina all have coached Croatia since.

"Gardiner was an excellent coach. He really knew his stuff and if anything was going wrong out on the park, he could pinpoint it."

"Tom leads by example. If he can't do it, then he doesn't expect anyone else to do it."

Terry Hannassy could have been one of the finest coaches in Australia if he'd changed his attitude. Terry spoke down to the players all the time. That was his biggest failing.

"Tony Vrzina is a gentleman and I really think that he tried very hard but perhaps Tony's better off coaching in the State League."

It doesn't take Hannah long to select the opponent who's given him most problems in Australia.

"Carl Gilder, definitely. That was more so back in 1981 when he was playing with Croatia and I was with Hakoah. He shields the ball so well, lays it off well, and moves around a lot. To me, at that time he was the ideal centre forward. He could give it and take it and I respect that in a player."

And what of Croatia, 1985 style?

"Well, people keep talking about us having an under-strength side. That's rubbish. We've lost a couple of players from last year but the younger players are very capable. Actually, our goalkeeper, Zeljko Govic, has surprised me in the Buffalo Gold Cup. I'd only seen Zeljko at training and I knew that his reflexes were good but I didn't know that he was so good in the air. You can't really tell about players until you see them in a game and Zeljko's been tremendous."

"My personal ambition is to win the National League championship and so far Croatia has proved that it can compete with the best of them."

So can Hannah. There's nothing glamorous about him, nothing flashy. Yet he's a vital part of Croatia's defence and he's relishing playing at fullback after playing stopper for most of his career.

"When you play stopper you're restricted to marking but there's much more freedom at left back. You can charge up the park and get much more involved and that suits me fine."

STEINSON, WILSON ON THE OUTER

By RICKY ROSSO

Jed Stenson of Victorian State League club Western Suburbs, was in Australia illegally, Immigration Department officials said last week in Brisbane, where he had been trialling with Brisbane City.

A spokesman for the Immigration Department, Mr Brendan Kelly, said Stenson's temporary sporting visa expired on October 31, last year.

"Officially, his status is nil," the spokesman said.

Asked whether that therefore meant Stenson was in Australia illegally, Mr Kelly replied "That's right."

Stenson an Englishman, and another ex-Victorian player Mark Wilson, an Irishman, arrived in Brisbane a month ago. Both were keen to sign with Brisbane City or Brisbane Lions.

The pair were understood to be living on the Gold Coast but declined to give club officials an address or telephone number.

Mr Kelly said that as the sponsoring club Western Suburbs was the "responsible party" in relation to Stenson.

Mr Kelly could not confirm reports that Wilson's visa expired last Thursday week, but revealed the player had applied for permanent residency. Wilson is tied to Northcote in Victoria.

"Normally we would not take any action against someone waiting on an application of change of status until there was a decision on the application," Mr Kelly said.

Brisbane City officials have been angered by Western Suburbs' actions in an attempted sale of Stenson and could take the matter to the Australian Soccer Federation.

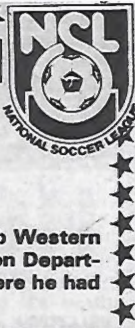
Brisbane City had lodged a cheque, believed to be for \$6250, with the Queensland Soccer Federation for Stenson's transfer.

But the cheque was withheld by the Federation pending a history check and a clearance from Western Suburbs from Stenson to play with City. Following the latest revelations the cheque was returned to the club.

The QSF advised that under Australian soccer and immigration rules, a visa player cannot attract a transfer fee. His sponsoring club only can seek to recoup expenses.

But all hope was not lost for either Victorian as we went to Press.

"If a club in Brisbane is prepared to sponsor the player and the Queensland and Victorian federations agree to a transfer then it is possible, and I say only possible, that the department would be prepared to consider an application to allow him to play this season," Mr Kelly said.



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Can Kapetanovic end the unrest at Croatia?

Domagoj Kapetanovic will be in charge of Croatia for this league clash against Adelaide Juventus.

Melbourne Croatia v Adelaide Juventus

Olympic Park, Sunday 3 pm



Sergio Melta

WILL McCULLOCH LINK UP WITH PATIKAS?

Sydney Croatia v Marconi

King Tomislav Park, Sunday, 3 pm

Sydney Croatia was trying to rush through Vedran Rozić's clearance from Split in Yugoslavia and was vying with Canberra for the signature of Marconi's Soccerom midfielder Tom McCulloch.

With Rozić and McCulloch in its line-up, Croatia would go into this game as favorite, and should McCulloch line-up in

midfield alongside Marjan Kovacic, Wally Savor and Croatia's \$25,000 signing from Olympic, Jim Patikas, Croatia fans would have every reason to expect their team to finish in the Australian Conference top five.

If Rozić plays he'll probably be sweeper, with strongman Bruno Vidacic as stopper. They'll square up to Marconi's David Lowe and Rod Brown, and what a battle that will be.

Lowe and Brown complement each other superbly. Both are mobile and Lowe has an extra-special goal sense, able to create openings in tight situations. He also is unpredictable, striking when you least expect it. That's going to be a constant menace to Croatia.

Zeljko Jurin and Graeme Arnold probably will carry Croatia's flag up front against a Marconi defence which has lost Bertie Mariani to APIA and was set to lose Ricky Budini to Inter Monaro. Still, there's a lot of experience in Marconi's back four, with Tony Henderson as sweeper and Steve Calderan as stopper.

This clash could draw the biggest Sydney crowd of the round as thousands of Croatia fans will turn up to see their new-look side and many Italians will be there hoping that Marconi coach Les Scheinling and his players will give them plenty to cheer about in 1985.

Provided both Rozić and McCulloch wear Croatia strips, Croatia will win. I'm



Tom McCulloch

not confident about Marconi's prospects this season but in young midfielder Martin Drine it boasts one of the finest prospects in Australian soccer.

Marconi finished third in the Australian Conference last year. Croatia finished sixth. Don't be surprised to see these positions reversed this season, for Croatia could be one of the most exciting sides of the year. If it just puts it together. Consistently.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Kapetanovic, who has coached Sydney Croatia and Marconi and also coached in Greece, comes to a Melbourne Croatia side still reeling from a resounding Buffalo Gold Cup Final loss and feeling the effects of the player unrest sparked by the sacking of Tommy Cumming as player-coach.

Croatia has lost Keith Adams, Dave Brogan, Peter Lewis, Yalka Banovic and Peter Blasby from last year's squad and has signed left central defender Aki Kotzami-chalis and national youth team goalkeeper Mirko Runje from Springfield City, striker Greg House from Knox and midfielder Victor Cristaldo from Kellor Austria.

Adelaide Juventus probably will line-up with new signing Adrian Santrac from Beograd in midfield alongside 1984 NSL Player of the Year Serge Melta. Juventus also seems

certain to play another newcomer — Mike Donnelly from Azzurri — at right back, with national youth team player Alex Tobin at left back.

With Neville Flounders and Bugsy Nyskonus at the centre of Juve's defence and Willie McNally in goal, Croatia forwards House and possibly Jim Campbell or Cristaldo will find it difficult to break through.

But right now, all is not well off the field at Croatia. That may spill over on to its on-field efforts. If so, the panic button will be pressed and Kapetanovic might be forced into using a lot of youngsters in his team.

Thousands of loyal Croatia fans will be hoping that this isn't the case, for they realise that if Croatia is to have any chance of challenging for the title this season, any element of player unrest has to be eradicated.

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With Channel 0/28 covering soccer once more, let's recall 1970 when commercial television flirted with soccer in Melbourne for the first time. State League coverage was provided by GTV9 and here's Jimmy Hannan (left) interviewing a young and dashing Stewart Mellings (right) and referees' association official George Padlar (second from left) as fans crane their necks. Soccer later switched to the 10 network, but Channel 0/28's coverage surpasses anything the other stations did, although fans have expressed strong disappointment that 0/28 has cut back its local soccer content from two and a half hours to an hour a week.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

New boy Scott helps West into the semis

SA Ampol Cup
by ALLAN CRISP

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Scott 23, Hiern 25), CAMPBELLTOWN CITY 0. Referee: Brian Lethbridge 8. Second game of a double header at Hindmarsh Stadium.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 8, McGregor 8, Honeyman 8, Brown 8, Hiern 9, Scott 9, Atsals 8, Menou 7 (Panagis 70), Price 7, Konstantopoulos 8, Stefanopoulos 9 (Mavroukas 59). **Coach:** Neil McGachey.

CAMPBELLTOWN CITY: Pivetta 8, Richardson 8, Ouwerek 8, Dealey 7, Parsons 8, Amos 8, Beltrame 7 (Smith 41), Halliday 7, Webb 8, Sullivan 8, Szach 7. **Coach:** Eric Norman.

Alan Scott switched from litigation into the limelight when he grabbed the opening goal for West Adelaide Hellas to steer his new club into the Ampol Cup major round.

That magical moment showed the West fans why coach Neil McGachey was so anxious to sign the 21-year-old from Azzurri.

It also justified the weeks of waiting, court visits and wrangling which all ended when Hellas and Azzurri settled the matter out of court on the afternoon of the match.

Scott's goal and the excellent follow-up effort by Brenton Hiern from a fine swerving corner by Bill Stefanopoulos means West will play the winner of the Birkalla-Salisbury replay in Friday's second semi-final.

Campbelltown, despite this first loss of the series, still made it through to the first semi-final on Friday when it will face Adelaide City Juventus.

Tough, unrelenting Campbelltown gave it their best shot against Hellas, but found no easy passage through an iron-clad defence.

But for some expert goalkeeping from Lou Pivetta, West would have built on its two goals as Scott, coming from deep on the left, linked with Gary Price, George Konstantopoulos and the "find" of the minor round, Bill Stefanopoulos.

SALISBURY UNITED 0, WT BIRKALLA 0. Referee: John Miller 9. First game of a double header at Hindmarsh Stadium.

SALISBURY UNITED: Ostendorf 8, Latham 9, Higgins 8, Batten 8, Haig 7, McFall 7, Ward 7 (Baird 49), Gray 8, Waterman 7 (Boyle 57), Williams 8, Bell 7. **Manager:** Ian Sim.

WT BIRKALLA: Green 8, Pietrus 8, Mohring 8, Leith 8, Duncan 8, Owers 8 (Penkurst 87), 7, McCalliffe 7, Hayes 8, Mahony 7, Pope 7. **Coach:** Bobby Ferguson.

The Berries and Birkalla are as evenly matched as identical twins.

They began this last-ditch struggle for a semi-final berth with exactly the same goal-difference and the scoreless stalemate means that they will have to return to Hindmarsh this week for a replay.

Both teams will need to revise their attacking ideas for the rematch or else the Hindmarsh Stadium lights will burn late into the night.

Despite the goal drought, there were positive signs for both sides as Salisbury paraded its promising batch of teenagers and Birkalla welcomed back Peter Ammirato, John Pope and Norm Green for the first time this year.

With youngsters like Dwane Gray, Scott Baird, Jason Batten, Graham Latham, Johnny Williams and Danny McFall in its squad Salisbury can look towards the new season with optimism.

Abonyi to Uruguayan?

BY ALEX VESIC

In an unexpected form reversal, **Avala** crushed **Melita Eagles** to keep its 100% record intact and sound a firm warning to Rockdale Ilinden in the NSW pre-season competition.

But the biggest talking point was Uruguayan's attempt to sign up former Socceroo great Atti Abonyi as coach as we went to press. But back to the Avala-Melita boil over.

Melita hit the woodwork three times but chances also were wasted by Avala in a third round derby which put Avala a clear leader by two points in Group "A".

Avala 4 Melita Eagles 2

Scorers: Bratkovic 3, Jeffery 1 (A. Allan, Walker (ME).

AVALA: Ahrens, Jordan (Lucchesi), Lembrink, Divani, Dubain, Coster, Brown (Bratkovic), Attago, Trovay, Carmey, Jeffery.

MELITA: Giffin, McPherson (Jamieson), Wilson (McO), Barlos, O'Rourke, Williams, Calenit, (McKie), Allan, Walker, Hansen, Vial.

Avala fell back to a goal by Don Allan but quickly replied through Glen Jeffery then assumed control.

Zoran Bratkovic, the young speedster from Cabramatta, earned his first hat-trick of the season to help demolish Melita and give his side a real chance of winning this year's pre-season cup.

Barry Walker scored Melita's second goal with 25 minutes to go to make it 2-3, but the final goal by Bratkovic in the 70th swung the game Avala's way.

Avala plays Canterbury and Bankstown before the

finals and the tri-colours from Cabramatta seem set to reach their first final since winning the Ampol Cup in 1977.

Peter Ahrens, Johnny Lembrink and Wayne Cootes shone for Avala with Bratkovic the secret weapon of coach Vic Dalgin in this match.

Ku-Ring-Gai 1 Warr Narra 0

Scorers: Craig Bass.

KU-RING-GAI: Prentice, Goloworthy, Bettrman, Jesse, Farrell, Dene, Bourke, G. Williams, Shearer, Nis, Bass (DE).

NARRABEEN: P. Dean, Parfitt (Jones), Watt, Galle, Akoutas, Van Helden, McDonnell, A. Dean.

This was an ordinary game between two ordinary sides, with Ku-Ring-Gai just a touch better. Alan Bourke's corner kick in the 35th minute provided Craig Bass with a chance. Bass headed past Dean and that was the ball game. Ku-Ring-Gai missed many chances, particularly Robbie Shearer, while Narabeen failed to exploit some poor work by Prentice in goal for Ku-Ring-Gai.

Bankstown 2 Uruguayan 0

Scorers: Hassan, Green.

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL: Smith, Rajala, Thomson, Popovic, Ismail, Penman, Green, Hassan, Caban, Mervand, Hassan.

URUGUAYAN AUBURN: Rosano, J. Fernandez, Follado, Hestia, Kralovic, Palma (Carrizzo), Varela, G. Fernandez, O'Shane, Cube, Pearson.

Two goalkeeping mistakes by Carlos Rosano saw Bankstown race to a 2-0 lead after only seven minutes and the rest of the match was best remembered for some crude tackling from both sides.

Rosano was slow to move off his line in the 4th minute allowing Hassan to score, then inexplicably failed to attack the ball properly in the 7th minute to concede his second.

Rosano came out to meet a cross from Green and in attempting to palm the ball over the bar he pushed it into his own net!

The main interest focused on the appearance of Raul Carrizzo in this Uruguayan side.

Sutherland 1 Fairy Meadow 2

Scorers: Dalfrino (S).

SUTHERLAND: Schumacher, Harford, R. Schumann, Dalfrino, Terry, Tasker, Harrington, Rogers, Groom, Hall, Lorent.

Vic Dalfrino, the experienced Sutherland defender, combined with Craig Hall to snatch a goal but it wasn't enough to stop this eager side from the south from picking up its first win against Sutherland.

Sutherland was without Keith Schumann and Jimmy Webber.

Details

Group "A" results: Manly 1, Canterbury 0, Avala 4, Melita Eagles 2, Bankstown Nat 2, Uruguayan 0.

STANDINGS

Team	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Avala	2	0	0	4	2	4
Bankstown	1	0	1	3	3	2
Manly	1	0	2	2	2	2
Canterbury	0	1	2	1	4	1
Uruguayan	0	0	3	3	7	0

Group "B" results: Rockdale v. Polonia postponed, Fairy Meadow 2, Bankstown Nat 2, Uruguayan 0.

STANDINGS

Team	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Polonia	1	0	0	4	0	2
Ku-Ring-Gai	1	0	1	0	4	2
Rockdale	1	0	1	0	3	2
Fairy Meadow	1	0	2	2	2	2
Bankstown	0	2	2	0	2	0
Narabeen	0	0	2	2	0	0

This week's games

At Melita Stadium, Saturday: Rockdale Ilinden v. Narabeen at 4.30 pm, Melita Eagles v. Bankstown National at 6 pm.

At Chopin Park, Sunday: Fairy Meadow v. Avala at 2.30 pm, Sutherland v. Polonia at 4 pm.

At Cromer Park, Sunday: Manly Warringah v. Uruguayan at 2.30 pm, Fairy Meadow v. Ku-Ring-Gai at 4 pm.



Ricky Rosso

Man of the match:
RUSSELL STEWART
(Lions)

Problems for Arrowsmith

Bris. Lions 2 Ipswich Utd 0

Scorers: Cairney 61st, Anderson 86th.

Venue: Richards Stadium.

Crowd: 1237.

Referee: Alan Kibbler 8.

Cautions: BL - Vasquez.

Ips - Millman

Brisbane Lions coach Gordon Arrowsmith is worried that the lack of top class opposition could work against his side's chances of making a strong start to this season.

Lions beat Queensland Premier League side Ipswich 2-0 in the NSL Cup last weekend. The scoreline was comfortable but concerning.

Lions should by now be back to the form that took them to the NSL semi-finals last year and they should have torn Ipswich apart.

But instead the Premier League were more than competitive and nearly stole the match with two near-misses just after halftime. Lions regained composure and neatly-worked goals by Joe Cairney and Clark Anderson gave them a passage to the next round.

But Arrowsmith said afterwards he was "concerned" with his team's showing and frankly admitted the side was "not the team it was last year".

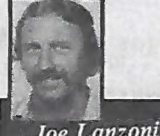
Lions face Brisbane City this weekend and the match has taken on a new light following City's shock 1-0 Cup win over Marconi.

Arrowsmith is hoping the result will snap his side back to the realisation that it now has a game on its hands and can no longer be complacent.

Surprisingly, a player who often is the first to take things easy when the opportunity arises, was among Lions' best against Ipswich. Midfielder Russell Stewart, who has been substituted recently because of lack of effort, led the way for Lions after brother and team captain John was injured early on.

Former Lions striker Ron Millman was the spearhead of the weak Ipswich attack. Millman made many of his usual blistering runs but he found he had no support.

Fawkes faces former team-mates



Joe Lanzoni

N. Rosebud 1 Cardiff 0

Scorers: 39th David Jones

Venue: Adamstown Oval

Cautions: 46th Brad Robb

(c) 65th Stanokovic

Referee: Jim Reeves (6 points)

Northern New South Wales premier Cardiff, as expected, gave Newcastle Rosebud United a tough match, eventually going down by the odd goal after a keenly contested struggle.

Cardiff coach Warren Anderson's obvious tactics were to play tight at the back and try to nullify Joe Senkalski in midfield, and in this he certainly succeeded.

But all the extra attention paid to Senkalski gave Bernard Kerby more room and he ended up having a good match.

However, nobody played better than former youth international Ralph Maier who gave a good display of intelligent distribution and support to his forwards.

Cardiff fielded the complete side that won the premiership in 1984 with the exception of Brett Fawkes who transferred to Newcastle and was making his first full appearance against his old club.

NATIONAL CUP FIRST ROUND

Biskic off, Juve dreadful!

M. Croatia 2 B. Juventus 0

Scorers: Biskic 63rd, Cristaldo 78th.

Venue: Olympic Park No. 2

Crowd: about 3000

Cautions: Parton (MC)

Referee: Jim Fearn 8

Croatia shook off its Buffalo Gold Cup final hangover and easily accounted for Brunswick Juventus which was hopelessly inept up front and bereft of ideas going forward.

What a lousy display by Juve! Joe Sweeney and Andrew Zini, who had clicked so well against Sunshine-George Cross in the Buffalo Gold Cup were shackled here by Shaun Parton and George Hannah.

Croatia had looked almost disinterested in the first half but Juventus turned in an even more pathetic display in the second half, resorting to sending a series of long, high, hopeful crosses into the Croatia area and helping big Parton to earn his Man of the Match tag.

Ivan Juric started off at left back with Hannah in mid-field but after 15 minutes, caretaker coach Miron Bleiburg switched this pair. The move worked a treat, for Hannah didn't give Zini an inch while Parton outplayed Sweeney.

But let's get on to the second half for the first half was horrible to watch. Not that the second half was a big improvement, but at least there were goals scored.

Two superb one-two's involving Juric and Jim Campbell in the 59th minute found Juric free with just Banovic to beat but Juric shot over.

Then came the first goal.

Biskic sent Greg House skating down the right. Banovic came out of his area with no chance of getting to the ball first and tried to jockey House, who played the ball inside to the incoming Biskic whose first timer found the back of the unguarded Juve goal.

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Then Cristaldo struck and Juve was finished.

Biskic sent in a free kick to the far post in the 78th minute. Cristaldo had a free header and headed firmly, Paul Driscoll got a foot to the ball but couldn't stop it going over the line.

Just when the game was ready to fizzle out, Biskic and Eddie Campbell tangled. Referee Jim Fearn consulted his linesmen, then sent off Biskic, adding to Croatia's worries this weekend in its first NSL game of 1985 against Adelaide Juventus.



Craig Mackenzie

Man of the Match:
SHAUN PARTON
(Melb Croatia)



Josip Biskic

crowded Croatia bench. The police were called in by the referee's inspector and Sigur returned to the terraces.

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Man of the match:
ARNO BERTOGNA
(APIA)

Caban wins it

Blacktown 2 APIA 3

Gabbie Stadium.

Crowd: 752

Referee: Robert Davies 8.

Cautions: Razmuszen.

Scorers: Caban 15', 105',

Colquhoun 30' (APIA), O'Connor 52', Larkin 85' (B).

Blacktown City, fresh from its NSW Ampol Cup success had its campaign for the National Cup cut short with two good goals from Kerry Caban, the tall APIA striker.

Caban was on hand to poke one home in the dying seconds of the first period of extra time to make it 3-2 for APIA.

Caban gave his side the lead in the 15th minute. Arno Bertogna's through ball found Caban cutting through Blacktown's backline to slip one past Barry House.

With half an hour gone, APIA increased its lead. Rob De Cegies' cross from the left was hit hard by Caban and Vince Colquhoun was on hand to score from close range after picking up the rebound.

Blacktown was not without its own chances during the first period but it was the unfortunate John Bradley, an ex-APIA player, who missed the shot.

Bradley should have scored in the 20th minute after a good through ball by Rod Skellern then, in the 40th minute, Phil O'Connor crossed for Bradley to hit one straight at House from point-blank range.

However, Blacktown came out firing on all cylinders in the second period and cut APIA's lead thanks to O'Connor in the 53rd minute following a cross by Skellern. Bradley missed again, then was unlucky when Spina cleared a Bradley shot off the line!

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Man of the match:
RALPH MAIER
(Rosebud)

McQuarrie injured

Newcastle-Rosebud's hopes for the 1985 season took a downturn when the club learned it had lost swash-buckling midfielder John McQuarrie, 23, who was badly injured in a car accident last Wednesday night.

He has facial and head cuts and also was X-rayed for a possible fractured leg before being allowed to leave the hospital.

The news came at a bad time for Rosebud which already has lost striker Simon Brandt for some time with a knee injury.

Coach Willie Gallagher was bitterly disappointed since McQuarrie started the season in sparkling form and won the man of the match award in two outings so far, against Canberra in the Prime Minister's Cup and last week's challenge match against Sydney City.

His high work-rate will be sadly missed in the Rosebud midfield.

defence quite considerably and with sweeper Andy Stanokovic, he proved a stumbling block to a United forward line that on the night, was short of ideas on how to penetrate the fast-retreating defence.

If Cardiff had a chance of winning I felt it was by exploiting the pace they have down the flanks. With Andrew Tate (possibly the best finisher in NNSW Federation) lurking in the centre I thought they could have caused some trouble.

But except for a couple of times in the first 20 minutes, the speed of Dale Rowney and Scott House was really slow.

David Jones broke the deadlock with a 40-metre left-foot drive that left the Cardiff keeper grasping in mid-air.

Jones however could have ended the match with a hat trick missing a couple of simple chances in the second half.

All in all it was a fruitful match for both sides, with Newcastle registering a win, and Cardiff showing that if they played every week against this type of opposition they would certainly be capable of holding their own, and should figure prominently again in the run for the premiership.

Crumbling Marconi needs more than Tredinnick



Andrew Dettre

Marconi 0 Bris City 1

Goal: Mengotti (77 min)
Referee: K. Small
Venue: Marconi Stadium
Twice winner of the NSL Cup, when it was still named after Philips, Brisbane City made a good start for the 1985 campaign and richly deserved its win.

Croatia through, thanks to Timar

Ad. Croatia 1 AC-Juventus 0

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium
Score: F. Timar 46th
Referee: D. Campbell 9

Adelaide Croatia's players behaved as if they had just won the National Soccer Cup after they had combined to score a fine 1-0 victory over Adelaide City Juventus at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Croatia, of course, didn't win the cup, but it did manage to score a shock first round win over "Juve" which on paper at least looked to have the match in its control before the kick-off.

Although it has been a force in State League soccer in South Australia for many years, Croatia was not expected to give too much trouble to its mighty National League opponents.

The first half finished with only goals and the only real scoring chances falling to Juventus.

Striker Joe Mullen twice missed opportunities in the sixth and 14th minutes while a 32nd minute 30-metre drive from midfielder Steve Maxwell tested the reflex of young Croatia keeper Damien Siklich.

Croatia streamed onto the

bane City made a good start for the 1985 campaign and richly deserved its win.

City was, especially in the second half, a much more composed, literate side than Marconi whose ad hocery simply had to fail. The enormous blood-letting in the Marconi team has left coach Les Scheinflug with a wafer-thin squad, a naive, if not romantic defence and an attack where the skill factor equals the Antarctic's chill factor.

The first half was a dull affair. It wasn't until the 41st minute that a goalie had to earn his keep: James parried a vicious Mengotti drive.

Carey had a chance in the 55th minute but blasted his shot over the bar.

The chubby, cherubic Lowe came in to replace the listless Sharne in the 61st minute — and made hardly any difference to the sickly Marconi attack.

As Sharne was sadly leaving the field, one cast one's mind back to his glory days a few

years ago when, as the crowd's favorite, he drew all those 'Peeta, Peeta' screams. Now his form is gone, the 'Peeta' fans are gone — and even the crowds are gone. All that's left is the splendid, manicured, deep dark green turf, indubitably Sydney's best soccer surface.

In the 66th minute, after yet another well-structured attack, Brisbane City came close again but Mengotti's shot was parried. At the other end, the Marconi attackers lined up for their shot at goal but all

hesitated and the magic of the moment was lost.

Then, in the 77th minute, the decider. The Marconi defence's clearance fell short and there was Mengotti, calling upon his silky skills, to volley home a superb shot from some 18 metres.

Brisbane City will be very similar to its 1984 side, led by the evergreen Wilkinson and Hamilton, it is solid, organised and reasonably talented.

The slim Mengotti, that polished fullback Bromfield and the giant goalie, Wishart, are

likely to be other stars during the season.

What can one say about Marconi? Okay, Henderson (suspended) and Lowe (mouth infection) will be back but this won't solve all their problems.

They will need two or three, classy players to plug the holes — and the club is reluctant to fork out the cash.

Peter Tredinnick is a very big gain for the team — but simply not enough.

Brown relies too much on his physical attributes to be ef-

Man of the Match:
PETER TREDINNICK
(Marconi)

fective while the young defenders, especially Carter, tend to slam-bang the ball in artfully, as if spellbound by its aimless float towards the enemy goal.

Les Scheinflug knows he's got a lot of work to do and he is determined to do it. Should he fail, Marconi can expect a pretty lean season.

NATIONAL CUP FIRST ROUND

NO CONTEST!

WA-Hellas 5 WT-Birkalla 0

Scorers: Pietrus o.g. 9th, Stamatopoulos 38th; Konstandopoulos 50th, Price 74th, Hiern 89th.

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Referee: Tony Martell 8.

Birkalla began badly with defender Mick Pietrus scoring an own goal in the ninth minute and from that time West Adelaide Hellas side never looked threatened.

Australian youth squad member Theo Stamatopoulos scored in the 38th minute with a powerful 30 metre drive which left Birkalla keeper Norm Green beaten.

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Man of the Match:
STEVE ATLAS
(WA-Hellas)

Although Wests went to the changeroom with only two goals on the board, numerous chances fell to its players.

Defender Brenton Hiern narrowly missed a header and shortly after a chance went begging with national youth team player John Panagis also missing from close range.

Five minutes after the break George Konstandopoulos, in his comeback match after a bad leg injury, chipped Green from inside the box to put West Adelaide further ahead.

Birkalla rarely got within scoring range but in the 71st minute missed a golden opportunity when striker David Mahony missed after Wests keeper Martyn Crook had fumbled.

Two minutes later Birkalla defender Tom Duncan, realising he was the last man, took an Aussie Rules-style mark to deny tiny Wests striker Gary Price an almost certain goal.

Price got his own back by slamming the free kick into the bottom corner.

Defender Hiern made it five minutes from time when he headed home a corner from captain Graham Honeyman.

Mick Mikolajczyk
**Olympic 2
Penrith 1**
Scorers: SO: Soper 35th, Lambropoulos 51st, Pen: Ainsworth 75th.
Venue: St George Stadium.
Cautions: Ainsworth (P).
Crowd: 3454.
Referee: A. Owens 7.

Olympic fans turned out in force to welcome the return of stars Chris Kalantzis and Marshall Soper.

Kalantzis, after starring in the recent World Youth Cup series, had a relatively quiet game.

Soper, who came to terms with Olympic earlier in the week, was in spectacular form.

Soper managed to generate excitement with every touch and kept the chanting crowd amused with an endless supply of acrobatic kicks and fearless charges.

His slashing runs down the right flank often left defenders sprawling in his wake.

When all else seemed to have little impact on the Penrith goal, it was Soper, in the 35th minute, who made something out of nothing.

Jeff Ainsworth's complacency in defence saw Soper steal the ball before squeezing in a shot under advancing keeper Michael Gibson.

However, Soper was not the only one in the action. Olympi-

Soper slays 'em, Easthorpe hurt

pic's midfield played well but its finishing was atrocious.

In the 39th and 41st minutes, striker Nick Theodorakopoulos missed two sitters only metres from goal.

Meanwhile, Penrith's contribution to the first half was limited to a few long distance shots as the Olympic defence effectively kept it at bay.

Within six minutes of the restart Olympic went further ahead.

Alex Lambropoulos made an overlap down the left wing but was fouled by fullback Brogan.

Peter Katholos swept the free-kick across for the fair haired stopper to head in off the post.

By the 59th minute, Soper's valuable contribution to his team came to an end as the marauding striker, obviously short of match practice came off for a well-earned rest.

Penrith continued to press forward on the counter-attack with limited success.

Man of the Match:
MARSHALL SOPER
(Olympic)

Eleven minutes from time Ainsworth pulled one back with a blistering 20 metre free kick.

Even with giant stopper Dave Macintosh pushed up front, Penrith only could manage a few last-gasp scrimmages in a vain bid to force extra time.

Olympic's victory always was assured and indeed more comfortable than the final score suggested.

Penrith's other misfortune was to lose talented young striker Randall Easthorpe with a suspected broken rib and punctured lung.

Moneybags Budapest

• Money is pouring into the coffers of St George Budapest.

Lotto has agreed to contribute \$50,000 towards the club's 1985 budget. Previously Lotto was involved with the Canberra Arrows.

A smaller sponsorship worth \$15,000 has been obtained from the electrical goods company Lendal, involving \$10,000 in cash and the donation of goods to the value of another \$5,000.

The Saints, who were in the black last year, but were threatened with relegation during the latter part of the season, have budgeted more than \$200,000 for the NSL in 1985.

The board of directors of Soccer House, the Saints' licensed club, will provide \$50,000, the rest having to come from membership fees of the supporters' club and other fund raising activities.

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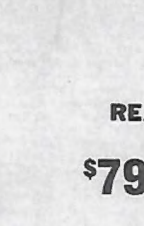
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ALL THE FIRST ROUND DETAILS

GREEN GULLY 3 (Smart 16th, Lucchesi 59th, Lewis 65th) **FOOTSCRAY U.S.T. 1** (Lazopoulos 81st) at Connor Reserve. Crowd about 5000 (double header). Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

GREEN GULLY: Denys 8 — Young 8, Murray 8, Cannell (sent off 31st), McKenna 4 — Smart 6, Lloyd 6, Williams 7 — Lewis 7, Lucchesi 7, Coach: Bobby McLachlan.
JUST: Tundia 6 — Janjic 4 (Banjartarevic 5, half time), Jovic 6, Karic 6, Lujic 7 — Curovic 7, Belic 6, Perez-Reigosa 4 (O'Donnell 6, half time) — Lazopoulos 5, Stojilovic 4, Tapani 5. Coach: Cedo Kirkovic.

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA 1 (Smith 57th) **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0** at Connor Reserve. Crowd about 5000 (double header). Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 6 — Heys 9, Dunn 7, Dobson 7, Opatinis 8 — Flavell 7, Iliovski 8 — Spink 7, Cole 7, Smith 8, Lane 7. Coach: Billy Murray.
HELLAS: Laumets 8 — Russell 8, Blair 8, Yzendoorn 6, Postecoglou 6 — Halford 5, Grino 4, McDowell 5, Murphy 6 — Brown 4, Egan 7. Coach: Len McKendry.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 3 (Kosmina 46, 49 pen, 59) **ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 0** at Wentworth Park. Crowd: 1000. Ratings by Peter Scott:

HAKOAH: Clarke 8 — Cant 7, Gomez 7, Robertson 8, De Marigny 8 — Watson 8, Kay 8, Barnes 6 — Lee 7, Kosmina 9, Farina 7 (Fletcher 7th). Coach: Eddie Thomson.
BUDAPEST: Greedy 6 — Sken 7, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 6, J. O'Shea 7 — Ricoy 7, Koczka 7 (Stone 64th), Barton 6 (Morton 64th) — Slater 6, Petkovski 7, Cotton 7. Coach: Frank Arok.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Biskic 63rd, Cristaldo 78th) **BRUNSWICK JUVENUS 0** at Olympic Park. Crowd about 3000. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie:

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje 7 — Deankovic 8, Parton 8, Antolovic 7, Juric 6 — Biskic 7 (sent off 89th), J. Campbell 6, Hannah 7, Cristaldo 6 — House 6 (Trogric 80th), Cumming 6 (Protuder 84th). Coach: Milton Bleiburg (caretaker).
BRUNSWICK JUVENUS: Banovic 6 — Geremia 7, Brown 6, Drinoczy 5, Campbell 7 — Cullen 6, Miranda 7, Dowie 7 (Incantulato h.t. 6), Wade 6 — Sweeney 5, Zinni 5. Coach: John Margatits.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 6 (Richardson 18th, Cochran 9, 42nd, Gilder 43rd, Latif 57th, Lennon 70th) **JUVENUS PIONEER 1** (Morton 82nd) at Olympic Village. Ratings by Peter Desira:

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 6 — Scarf 6, Gardiner 6, Richardson 6, Campbell 6 — Mitten 7, Faulkner 6, Lennon 6 (8th), Istak 6 — Gilder 8, Latif 8. Coach: John Gardiner.
JUVE PIONEER: Steve Craven 8 — Ron De Felice 5 (Dave Clarkson 40th), Nick Di Martino 5, Alistair Cochran 6, Bruce Peers 5 — Frank Perri 5, Steve Kattar 6, Warren Whiston 5 (Ken Morton 59th 5) — Romeo Fabrizio 5, Sergio Pace 6, John Broadhouse 5. Coach: Ken Morton.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 1 (Stevenson 76th) **MORWELL FALCONS 0** at Olympic Village. Ratings by Peter Desira:

HEIDELBERG: Over 8 — McKie 7, Angele 8, Yankos 8, Marley 7 — Metaxas 7, Selemidis 7, Valentine 7 — Stevenson 8, Winn 7, Tasios 7 (Patterson 84th). Coach: Brian Garvey.
MORWELL: Prezioso 7 — Palermo 6 (N. Costabile 37th), Bruns 9, Moore 8, Train 8 — T. Van Baar 6, McLean 7, O'Callaghan 8, Cassar 7 — Stirtion 6, Athysche 6. Coach: Jim Dunne.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 5 (Pietrus o.g. 9th, Stamatelopoulos 38th, Konstondopoulos 50th, Price 74th, Hiern 89th) **WEST TORRENS BIRKALLA 0** at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd about 2300 (double header). Ratings by Allan Crisp:

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Cook 8 — McGregor 8, Honnyman 8, Hiern 8, Brown 7 — Atsalas 8, Manou 7, Panagis 8, Stamatelopoulos 7 — Konstondopoulos 8, Price 8. Coach: Neil McGachey.
WEST TORRENS BIRKALLA: Green 8 — Pietrus 8, Duncan 8, Mohring 8, Leith 8 (Rashella 68th) — Owers 7 (Brazale 68th), McAuliffe 7, Armistead 7 — Hayes 8, Pope 7, Mahony 7. Coach: Bobby Ferguson.

ADELAIDE CROATIA 1 (Timar 46th) **ADELAIDE CITY JUVENUS 0** at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd about 2300 (double header). Ratings by Allan Crisp:

ADELAIDE CROATIA: Siklich 9 — Hutchins 8, Maricic 8, Bridges 8, Galina 7 — Sliger 8, Marwe 8, Timar 8 — Blute 8, Key 7, Reich 8.
ADELAIDE CITY JUVENUS: McNally 8 — Donnelly 8, Nyskhus 8, Flounders 8, Tobin 2nd 7 — Santrac 7, Melta 8, Northcote 7, Maxwell 8 — Villani 8, Mullen 7, Rankin 8.

MARCONI 0 BRISBANE CITY 1 (Mengotti 77th) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd 800. Ratings by Andrew Dettro:

MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 5, Bduini 6, Calderan 5, Rizzotto 5, Mason 6, Driene 6, P. Thiednick 7 — Sharpe 4 (Lowe 81 min), Jankovic 4, Brown 4, Coach: Les Scheinling.
BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7 — Fabrizio 6, Wilkinson 7, Milanovic 6, Bromfield 7 — Hamilton 7, Chapman 5 (Robinson 77 min), Mengotti 7 — Carey 5, Glockman 5, Bramwell 6. Coach: Tony Lownders.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Soper 35th, Lambropoulos 51st) **PENRITH CITY 1** (Ainsworth 79th) at St George Stadium. Crowd 3454. Ratings by Mick Mikolajczyk:

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Johnston 7, Dakos 7, Lambropoulos 7, Svinos 6, Phillips 7, Raskopoulos 7, Katalos 7 — Soper 8 (T. Patalis 59th), Theodorakopoulos 6, Kalantzis 7. Coach: M. Schaefer.
PENRITH: Gibson 7 — Brogan 6, Ainsworth 6, McIntosh 7, Cross 8, Toohy 6, Nix 7, Campbell 7, Savor 5, 45th 6, Carbone 6, Hunter 6, Easthope 6 (D. Shute 79th), Coach: W. Wallace.

WOLLONGONG CITY 3 (Giannone 22nd, Kerr 28th, Godzik 36th) **SYDNEY CROATIA 2** (Patikas 63rd, Vidic 78th) at Wollongong Showgrounds. Crowd 1500. Referee: R. Doonan 7. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

WOLLONGONG CITY: Vardareff 8 — Green 7, Dickson 9, Willis 6, Matias 7 — Hristovski 7, Kerr 7, Bundulo 8 — Godzik 6, Kotamanidis 6 (88th), Giannone 6 (80th), Brodnicki 6. Coach: Adrian Alston.
CROATIA: Woodhouse 6 — Woods 6, Vidic 7, Basic 6, Tomasic 6 (A. Kovacic 65th), M. Kovacic 7, Savor 5, Rezo 5, Patikas 6 — Jurin 6, Arnold 5. Coach: Vedran Rozic.

APIA-LEIGHARDT 3 (Caban 15th, 105th, Colagiuri 30th) **BLACKTOWN CITY 2** (O'Connor 52nd, Larkin 85th) at the Gabbie. Ratings by George Streeter:

APIA: Catlin 8 — Spina 8, Rowden 7, Mariani 7, Brown 8 — Bertogno 9, Colagiuri 7 (Genovese 67th), Butler 7, Caban 6, De Ceglie 7 (Casaccia 82nd), Morsello 7. Coach: Fil Baccaro.
BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare 7 — Skellern 8, Wheatley 8, Shaw 7 (Knight 74th), Rassumussen 8 — Hormazabal 6 (Thornthwaite 46th 7), Selavage 7, Bourke 8 — Bradley 7, Larkin 7, O'Connor 8. Coach: Cashe De Bruin.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED 1 (Jones 39th) **CARDIFF** (Northern NSW) 0 at Adams-town Oval. Crowd 1250. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni:

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED: Gosling 7 — Meier 8, Owers 7, Boogard 7, Mark Jones 7, Fawkes 6, Senkalski 6, Kerby 8, Klosevic 6 (59th), Robertson 6, McClelland 7, David Jones 7. Coach: Willie Gallagher.
CARDIFF: Brad Robb 7 — Mark Maher 6, Mandley 8, Stanivovic 7, Lee 7 — Endacott 6, Gerard Maher 8, Tony Robb 7, Rowney 7, Tate 7, Haynes 6. Coach: Warren Anderson.

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Cairney 61st, Anderson 86th) **IPSWICH UNITED 0** at Richlands. Crowd 1237. Ratings by Ricky Rosso:

LIONS: Evans 7, Jackson 8, Hunter 8, Vasquez 7, Niven 6 — Russell Stewart 8, John Stewart 6, Ogden 7, Cairney 7, McDonagh 6, McGregor 6 (Anderson 73rd). Coach: Gordon Aromsworth.
IPSWICH UNITED: McClure 7, Barnard 6, Coleman 7, Warren 8, Graham 6, McKeand 8, Gibb 6, Kitching 6, Lawrie 5 (Gordon 82nd) — Millman 8, Beckwith 5 (Marszalek half time 6). Coach: Matt Carson.

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 3 (Harkins 88th, Brown o.g. 89th, Sermanni 112th) **ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2** (Wilson 50th, Risteviski 60th) after extra time at Seiffert Oval. Crowd 1403. Ratings by Peter Windsor:

CANBERRA: Franken 8 — Gintog 7 (Dunne 110th), Byrne 6, Burke 6, Harkins 7 — Sermanni 7, Mihalides 6, Bryant 7 — Phillips 5 (Jones 65th), Perinovic 5, Gibson 6.
ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotzambros 8 — Blackburn 8, G. Wilson 7, D. Wilson 6, Forrester 6 — Papas 5 (Plovski 60th 6), Nasteviski 6, Saleviski 7 — Brown 7, Bootes 7, Risteviski 8.

INTER MONARO 9 (Giampolo 4, Willox 2, C. Ambrosino, Valeri, Thammidos) **WEST WODEN JUVENUS 1** (Kawalewa 9) at Seiffert Oval. Crowd 1403 (double header). Ratings by Peter Windsor:

INTER MONARO: Hocking 8 — Francis 7 (Gagetti 80th), Walsh 7, Santolin 8, Titalas 7 — Carbone 7, Willox 9, Thammidos 8 — C. Ambrosino 7, Giampolo 10, Valeri 8.
WEST WODEN JUVENUS: Barker 5 — Kennedy 5, De Angelis 6, McGillibon 6, Kawalewa 6 — Esposito 5, Kalsbeeb 5, Bowman 6, Salgado 6 — Bergman 7, Tullawa 7.

Alston blasts 'Gong as Croatia fights back

Wollongong 3 Croatia 2

Venue: Showgrounds
Crowd: 1500
Referee: Roger Doonan 7
Cautions: Basic, Hristovski
Scorers: Giannone 22nd, Kerr 28th, Godzik 36th, Patikas 63rd, Vidic 78th.

Adrian Alston started the season with an unexpected success over Sydney Croatia but was furious with his players after seeing a 3-0 lead almost go out the window.

He stormed off the park as Roger Doonan blew his whistle



Alex Vesic

for the end of the match and I am sure that some of his players will have learnt by now the bitterness of victory! Alston's side took Croatia apart in a devastating 14 minute spell which saw the home team go three goals up.

Domenic Giannone missed

an early chance in the 8th, then Zivko Hristovski fumbled close to the line before Wollongong opened the scoring in the 22nd.

Bernie Godzik's chip from just outside the box on the right fell to Giannone on the far side of the penalty area and close to the post, enabling the youngster to scramble the ball over the line.

A few minutes later a free kick by Peter Willis aimed at Peter Kotamanidis was dummied by the Wolves' striker and Robbie Kerr, coming from behind, beat Greg Woodhouse from close range.

Then came the best goal of this match. A quick free kick

by Alex Bundalo to Godzik was followed by a great right footer which sent the ball curling away from Woodhouse to find the far side of the net.

By the time Croatia realised that Wollongong was scared of its own lead, it was too late. In the 63rd, then came Bruno Vidic with yet another header in the 78th. It was evident from the second goal that Wollongong was in trouble. Its defence was just stood and and as the ball bounced in front of its goal, allowing Vidic to score from half a metre!

Zeljko Jurin was in the clear

Man of the match:
EMIL BRUNS
(Morwell F)

Heidelberg 1 Morwell F 0

Scorer: Stevenson 76th
Venue: Olympic Village
Referee: Bernie O'Leary 7
Cautions: Stirtion (H)

How Morwell must regret the decision not to accept promotion to the NSL!

The reason stated for the rejection — the uncertainty of the National League — has evaporated as the league gears up for what promises to be its best season since 1977.

And Falcons' fears of having to buy an almost completely new team to even survive in the higher company was again disproved on Sunday.

Even in the absence of coach Jimmy Dunne who had to stay in Morwell because of an illness in the family, the side put up stubborn resistance against the in-form side of the NSL.

It did take two goal-line clearances, a bit of help from the crossbar and some desperate defending at times but it was nothing less than what Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey had expected.

Falcons went into this game without Harry Bingham who is carrying a knee injury and also lost 16-year-old fullback Dominic Palermo midway through the first half with a twisted knee.

Footscray sweeper Graham

Tasios angry, Bruns great

Tutill sat on Morwell's bench as his transfer is yet to be finalised.

Bruns has been growing in confidence in recent outings and put up another stubborn defensive performance against that tornado named Stuart Stevenson.

Stevenson is a rare commodity, being a brave striker not scared of taking knocks and risks if it means getting shots on goal.

He and Steve Winn should grab their fair share of goals this coming season.

The other striking position at this stage is a tussle between Scott Patterson and Steve Tasios.

Tasios had a somewhat frustrating day, working hard at his game but finishing poorly. He did not take kindly to being substituted late in the match and let Garvey know in no uncertain terms that he did not agree with the change.

Tasios had three shots on target saved by the keeper as Heidelberg threatened to tear Falcons apart in the first half.

Jim Train cleared off the line a Charlie Yankos shot and Theo Selemidis sent a header narrowly over as well as having another blocked by Train.

Imports may replace the 'Cross rebels

S. Geo Cross 5 Juve-Pioneer 1

Scorers: 1-0 Richardson 18th, 2-0 Cochran 9, 42nd, 3-0 Gilder 43rd, 4-0 Latif 57th, 5-0 Lennon 70th, 5-1 Morton 82nd.

Venue: Olympic Village
Ref: Chris Bambridge 8

At first glance this result puts paid to any claims by Tasmanian sides for inclusion in the National League.

The gap in standard must be enormous when the Tasmanian State League champion offers no more than token resistance to a George Cross side without five regulars from the team which finished bottom of the NSL last season.

But Juventus Pioneer player-coach Ken Morton explained that is not the case.

"Sure the gap (in standard) is still there between club sides but Tasmania can get a State team together which would more than hold its own in the NSL," he said.

"Apart from that what one has to remember is that we are six weeks behind in preparation to the rest of the NSL."

"Our pre-season competition does not start until this week and we have had only one real practice match (against White Eagles) before this game."

Of the players Pioneer brought to Melbourne, Morton believes that John Broadhouse, Sergio Pace and Dave Clarkson would do well "in a good side" in the NSL.

The match provided a sentimental return for Morton to his old stamping ground at Olympic Village where he spent a year in charge of Heidelberg in 1983.

Now in his late thirties, Morton still is playing in Tasmania despite earlier intentions to quit at the end of 1984.

"I don't want to play but most of the players have asked me to reconsider and play as a target man." Morton's aspirations however lie in the coaching sphere.

Man of the match:
SCOTT DICKSON
(Wollongong)

with 10 minutes to go but lobbed the ball over the bar.

Wolves missed two late chances with Brodnick and Kotamanidis the offenders, but Wolves finally scraped in and is in the second round of the National Cup at the expense of one of the favoured sides, Sydney Croatia.

Man of the match:
OSSIE LATIF
(S. Geo. Cross)

neer and he is confident the side will again carry all before it.

"We are still the best side in the league although we didn't play as well as we can here," he said.

"The strength is normally in our midfield but the players failed to shut down the opposition early enough and we were overrun at one stage."

In fact Juve held its own until a two goal burst in as many minutes late in the first half knocked the stuffing out of its game and practically put an end to the contest.

Cross coach John Gardiner has decided to experiment in case the five players get to agree on terms to get transfers to other clubs.

The live yet to sign are Chris Taylor, Roger Bain, Gerry Bennett, Mick McGorian, and Bobby Tait.

All five have continued to train but Cross president John Borg is adamant the club will not change its wages policy to suit the players.

"We have been very fair, offering better signing fees than last year in some cases. But we are of the firm belief that weekly wages have to be standard throughout and I won't send our club to the wall to suit the greed of some players," he said.

Of the five only Taylor was indeed in the team sheet but he remained on the bench.

Gardiner may look overseas for players if, as expected, the import rule is changed to allow a club to sign up to three players from overseas this year.

Cross already has one vacancy now that Roger Bain has been accepted as a permanent resident and Taylor recently married an Australian.

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NATIONAL FIRST



Peter Scott

Kosmina K
SC-Hakoah 3 St George 0

Scorer: Kosmina 46th, 49th pen, 59th
Venue: Wentworth Park
Crowd: about 1000.
Referee: Davies 8.

With the mercury hovering at 40 degrees, soccer returned to Wentworth Park after many years' absence.

It is a return which St George Budapest will want to forget as soon as possible. Old nemesis Hakoah bested the proud Saints in the second time slot, further developing an awesome mystique which has seen the blues record only occasional slip-ups, such as a loss late in the 1984 season.

While the scoreline suggests a pronounced superiority by the winners, this in reality did not materialise until the very end of the first half.

It was pretty much give and take as both teams worked hard to gain the upper hand, heatwave conditions and a dust storm notwithstanding.

The deadlock finally was broken when a Watson corner, reached Hakoah new chum Frank Arina who immediately flicked it on to John Kosmina to notch the first instalment of his hat-trick. There was much displeasure on the Saints' bench, but not with Kosmina.

The goal was scored 46 and a half minutes into the game — and the question being asked was why extra time was allowed in an injury-free first half by Referee Tim Davies?

Contrivency, however, was put to rest as the Blues consolidated their superiority in the second half. First there was a penalty awarded against Dave Sken who unceremoniously upended Lee and it was converted by who else? — Kosmina again. And it was the Soccerro skipper just 10 minutes later who soared high to head into the net a neat cross from Jean-Paul de Marigny, but whatever happened to the Saints' defence on this last score? Kosmina was totally unattended right in front of the net — a deadly sin which extracts a heavy price from the perpetrators.

In the aftermath, Frank Arok pointed out that it is early days yet. And remembering how his club burnt its fingers badly in seasons past by peaking too soon, only to fade away late in the year — 1985 may see different tactics and preparation?

One thing is sure, Roy Cotton may be a useful acquisition for the Saints, but De Mar at his Mat is indispensable for Budapest. Last Saturday, Morton and Peter Stone only came on after 64 minutes: they are needed fit and raring to go on a full time basis.

Eddie Thomson naturally was tickled pink hearing praise on his team, but signing out Paul Kay as the best

Super start for Smith!

Makedonia 1 SM-Hellas 0

Scorer: Smith 57th.
Venue: Connor Reserve.
Crowd: about 5000.
Cautions: Yzendoorn (SMH), Dobson (Mak), McDowell (SMH), Flavell (Mak).
Referee: Stuart Mellings 8.

What better way to start with a new club than to score the winning goal — especially against the reigning champions. So it was for Steve Smith, who just had joined Makedonia from Box Hill.

Hellas, which had been so disappointing in the Buffalo Cup, lived largely off three players — Bobby Russell, Steve Blair and Peter Laumets. Of six official matches so far this year, Hellas has won one — against Box Hill.

Oscar Crino was back after injury but well below his best — in fact, unsighted for much of the game. The same could be said of Gary McDowell, Doug Brown and Carl Halford. Makedonia put the accent on attack by using its four star strikers — Warren Spink, Gary Cole, Smith and Sean Lane — strung out across the park, with Spink and Lane wide. The 4-2 formation is all the rage, but in this case, it changed into a 4-2-4 because the natural in-

Man of the match:
GRAHAM HEYS
(Makedonia)

clination for Spink and Lane is to attack.

And what about Graham Heys and Con Opatinis, the two full backs? Opatinis especially, attacked as much as the forwards, while Heys — standing in for injured captain George McMillan — was flawless at right back.

Smith should have scored in the 19th minute and McDowell in the 42nd minute when he missed the ball.

But in general terms, Hellas seemed unable to get its game together because of the threats being posed by Makedonia from all angles.

Smith, joint top scorer in the Victorian State League last season, had his first chance early, but was pushed by Steve Blair — an offence which apparently wasn't spotted by referee Stewart Mellings who, however, had a good game.

But Smith came very close indeed when he latched onto a long ball, lobbed it past goalkeeper Laumets, ran onto it again, but hit the post with his shot.

Gordon Flavell had a great chance for Makedonia on a defensive clearance of an Opatinis cross, but the ball came off the side of his boot.

Flavell started the season poorly in the Buffalo Cup, but proved his value to the Makedonia team in this match, with a solid performance at defensive midfield.

Opatinis produced some snappy play which left Angie Postecoglou — also back after injury — sprawled in his wake, and the move ended with Ilioski shooting over the top.

Charlie Egan, working hard as usual up front, held the ball up and then delivered a square pass for McDowell coming from deep but McDowell took a swipe at the ball and missed it altogether!

The winning move was sweet as can be. Lane on the left sent the ball diagonally to Cole on the right. He ran wide and then cut it square for Smith to provide the finishing touch from close range.

Hellas's only chance for an

equaliser came 14 minutes later. Egan brought the ball down and slipped it to Crino on his right, but Crino's shot went virtually straight to goalkeeper Richard Wilson.

Cole left sweeper John Yzendoorn way behind in the 33rd minute, and had the goal at his mercy. The shot went across goal, without detracting too much from an otherwise sound performance by the big striker.

Laumets saved Hellas from further embarrassment by pouncing at the feet of Spink inside the penalty area as the Hellas defenders threw caution to the wind in their haste to get forward and support attacks.

Spink and Cole combined in another breakthrough in the 77th minute, but Postecoglou, the only man in defence, dispossessed Cole.



Laurie Schwab

Green Gully 3 Foots JUST 1

Scorers: 1-0 Smart (GG), 16th, 2-0 Lucchesi (GG) 59th, 3-0 Lewis (GG) 65th, 3-1 Lucchopoulos (JUST) 81st.
Venue: Connor Reserve.
Crowd: about 5000.
Cautions: Belic (JUST), Jovic (JUST), Cannell (GG).
Sent off: Cannell (GG) 91st.
Referee: Jim Fokianos 8.

Green Gully will go into its first league match of 1985, against Hellas, without its ace defender, Stuart Cannell, who was sent off after earlier having been shown the yellow card.

It means that Robert Krajacic may come into the team as sweeper, or Willie Vassallo, left out against J.U.S.T., will be re-included in midfield.

J.U.S.T. was abysmal until late in the match, when it was pushed forward by centre back Tom Karic, playing like a Trojan. Had it not been for the breathtaking saves of goalkeeper Lou Denys, Karic could have scored at least twice with fierce, long-range drives.

Both Karic and Denys — the two stars of this match — were injured and showed a lot of courage in fighting back the way they did.

Andrew Young from Canberra and Claude Lucchesi from Makedonia — both making their debut for Green Gully — put on excellent performances. Young was solid as a rock in defence, alongside his former Canberra team mate Jim Murray, and Lucchesi scored the second goal, as well as setting up the third for Paul Lewis.

J.U.S.T.'s players made it hard for themselves by holding the ball too long.

The first good chance of the match fell to Lewis, who belted his shot over the top from close range on a square-pass from Jim Williams.

In the 16th minute, though, Williams took a corner from the left, it was headed on by Cannell, repelled by the defence and there was Ken Smart outside the penalty area, to score with a solid drive.

J.U.S.T.'s new goalkeeper Mark Turudia, who came from Hellas in part-exchange for Gary McDowell, prevented Green Gully from increasing its lead by getting a hand to a shot from David Smallman in the 22nd minute.

Cannell and Vlatko Belic both were shown the yellow card when they clashed heatedly. Shortly afterwards referee Fokianos was displeased by Cannell once more — apparently over abusive language — and sent him off the field.

The stage was set for a J.U.S.T. comeback, but



Opposing defenders Steve Blair (rear) of SM-Hellas and Robbie Dunn of Makedonia in an aerial duel at Connor Reserve. Picture by LES SHORROCK

CANNELL OFF AS DENYS DAZZLES

Man of the match:
LOU DENYS
(Green Gully)

J.U.S.T. failed to take the initiative, even though Green Gully did little to bolster its defence.

J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic must have been more displeased than anyone, because he replaced two players at half time, leaving no-one in reserve in case of injuries. Off went right back Dragan Janjic and midfielder Ariel Perez-Reigosa, and on came Radovan Barjaktarevic

and Brian O'Donnell, even though the latter has asked for a transfer.

Bill Lazopoulos was foiled inside the area by Murray shortly after half time, and then Karic came close with a free kick and a low drive, before Lucchesi controlled a cross from Kevin Lloyd on his chest and belted it home on an angle, 2-0 for Green Gully.

In the 65th minute, Young played a short through ball for Lucchesi, who ran to the byeline and cut it back for Lewis to score No. 3.

J.U.S.T.'s position was hopeless now, but it kept plugging away. Denys got his fingers to a shot from Belic and copped a full blooded kick from Stojilovic who was trying to connect with the ball.

Giampaolo nets four

Inter Monaro 9 WW-Juventus 1

Scorers: Giampaolo 4, Willox 2, Valeri; Thamidis, Ambrosino (HM); Kawalova (WWJ).

Venue: Seiffert Oval
Referee: Bob Marshall 5
Crowd: 1403

Inter Monaro burst into life with eight second-half goals and a 9-1 winning margin after a lethargic first half against ACT league champion West Woden Juventus.

West Woden did not immediately surrender and tried to match Monaro in a fast game that was spectacular rather than skilful.

Striker Sebastian Giampaolo looked a class above the rest.

Man of the match:
SEB GIAMPAOLO
(Inter Monaro)

Monaro went 1-0 ahead in the 29th minute when Willox squared the ball to Giampaolo whose shot from beyond the far post was accurate.

Monaro keeper Michael Hocking saved a 42nd minute penalty to deny West Woden the equaliser.

In the second half Monaro was irresistible.

Giampaolo was acrobatic creating a near-miss from nothing in the first minute but this was followed by a procession of six goals in the next 20 minutes.

2-0, then 2-3!

Canberra 3 Rock Ilinden 2

Scorers: Harkins, Sermanni, Brown o.g. (Can); Wilson, Risteovski (RI).

Venue: Seiffert Oval
Crowd: 1403
Referee: Neil Murray 7

A sadly out of form Canberra Olympians crawled out of jail to beat Rockdale Ilinden 3-2 in extra time and will welcome the arrival of English recruit Tommy English today (Wednesday).

Rockdale led 2-0 until the 88th minute when Jim Harkins of Canberra scored what looked like a consolation goal.

Heartbreak followed for the visitors when striker Ross Brown chested the ball past his own keeper a minute later.

In the 92nd minute,

Man of the match:
JIM RISTEVSKI
(Rockdale Ilinden)

Canberra mid-fielder Tom Sermanni should have won the game for his team when he was unmarked but hit the ball straight to the keeper.

It was the last kick of normal time.

With poetic justice Sermanni, who had battled hard for the out of form Canberra, finally won the match by lobbing keeper Mick Korzhanbof after 22 minutes of extra time.

Rockdale had scored in the 50th and 60th minutes and had hit the posts after only 20 minutes.

Loughnane at \$3000

Former Shrewsbury professional striker Ian Loughnane, is on the transfer list at Croydon at his own request.

Loughnane joined Croydon from England in 1981 and was equal top scorer in the Victorian State League that season.

He's just 24, and has scored well over 50 league and cup goals in State League.

There's only \$3000 on Loughnane's head and interested clubs can contact him at home on 725 8936.

AL CUP ROUND

Man of the match:
JOHN KOSMINA
(SC-Hakoah)

's Saints



Frank Farina, now of SC-Hakoah, heads above St. George defender Mike O'Shea. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

the bunch. He also was happy with Irina's competitive debut, praising pace, which, with 30 to 40 yards, is creating huge spaces for the ailing skills of Watson in midfield.

Irina needs to work on his shooting technique, as his incredible turn of feet seems to get the better of him on occasions.

Thomson is confident that the basis a team to challenge for the NSL is there, with only Steve O'Connor and Tony Pezzano to be slotted into the squad. The latter is recovering from a couple of knocks and faces a challenge from a resurgent Todd Clarke. As for the former, you guessed it, "Rocky" is riving a suspension carried over from 1984.

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WAS GOD ON HEIDELBERG'S SIDE?

Marley and Winn magic!



By
**CRAIG
MACKENZIE**



• Mike Valentine (left) is congratulated by John Metaxas, Steve Tasios and Steve Winn after scoring Heidelberg's third goal.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 5 (Selemidis 16th, Deankovic o.g. 45th, Valentine 54th, Winn 62nd, Tasios 85th) **MELBOURNE CROATIA 1** (Antolovic 78th). Buffalo Gold Cup Final at Olympic Park, Saturday. Crowd: about 9,000. Cautions: Parton (MC), Marley (Heid). Referee: Mike Gaut 8.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Olver 8 — McKie 8, Yankos 8, Angele 8, Marley 9 — Metaxas 8, Selemidis 8, Valentine 8, Tasios 8 — Stevenson 8, Winn 9. **Coach:** Brian Garvey. **MELBOURNE CROATIA:** Govic 5 — Deankovic 5, Parton 4, Sabljak 4, Hannah 6 — Biskic 6, Antolovic 5, Campbell 4, Cristaldo 5 (Protuder 70th) — Cumming 5 (Jurcic H.T. 5), House 5. **Coach:** Tommy Cumming.

Heidelberg Alexander president Sam Gouloupoulos may hire the Greek Orthodox priest who blessed his team before this final on a full time basis.

"If it works like this every time then we'll have the priest here before every game," said Gouloupoulos, after watching this 5-1 drubbing of Croatia.

Heidelberg, with Steve Winn running amok, dominated long periods of the first half and after a sensational bust-up in the Croatia dressing rooms at half time involving club president Joe Sigur and player-coach Tommy Cumming, Croatia was a shambles in the second half.

"Cumming is on the transfer list. He's finished with Croatia," said an angry Sigur after the match.

"Cumming's been living on the honey here for far too long. He's got to lose weight and he can't keep relying on the other players to do the work for him," he added.

Cumming and Sigur engaged in a war of words at the interval after Cumming told Sigur not to interfere in his team talk and that he (Cumming) was the boss. Sigur reacted by sacking Cumming.

Croatia's biggest failing was its inability to stop Winn. Time and again he was given acres of space up front and made Croatia pay dearly.

Croatia started with a young and nervous Danny Sabljak as sweeper in place of injured



• Heidelberg-Alexander's brilliant teenager Steve Tasios heads towards goal, shadowed by Croatia's Ivica Jurcic. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

Tony Curcio. Sabljak never settled down, in fact the occasion seemed to overawe him.

But what of the experienced Croatia players at the back? Where was the marker for Winn? Who was supposed to be looking after Stewart Stevenson? What was going on back there?

And when Croatia got forward, it found Ian McKie, Joe Angele, Charlie Yankos and Steve Marley a handful.

Cumming had predicted that the pace of Croatia striker Greg House would worry Heidelberg and that's what happened in the 6th minute when House skipped past Angele inside the Heidelberg area on the left and crossed to the far post. Cumming chested down the ball for Josip Biskic whose first time shot was blocked.

Two minutes later, Biskic played a one-two with Jozo Antolovic but blasted the ball over the bar. Croatia had started well enough but now the Heidelberg machine stepped up a couple of gears.

John Metaxas rushed his shot in the 10th minute, knocking the ball wall wide, then Heidelberg created a great chance for Winn.

Metaxas crossed from the right and Theo Selemidis cheekily flicked the ball on to the unmarked Winn at the far post but the Heidelberg striker couldn't get enough power on his header and Zeljko Govic saved.

Shaun Parton completely misjudged a header in the 14th minute. In a flash, Winn was through. Govic came off his line but Winn blasted the ball just over the bar.

Heidelberg really was rolling now and it didn't surprise when it hit the front in the 16th minute. Great work by Winn in fending off an opponent on the left and crossing to the far post was capped by the incoming Selemidis, whose renowned heading ability gave Govic no chance.

Cumming should have levelled in the 23rd minute. A superb header by House sent Cumming through but Olver, outstanding throughout this series, charged out and smothered bravely at Cumming's feet.

Two minutes later Biskic skinned Marley, a rarity, and drove the ball in toward the near post. House failed by inches to slide down and get what could have been a vital touch.

How did Mike Valentine fail to score in the 35th minute?

Winn's shot was misdirected and Stevenson, always sniffing about the goalmouth, had his shot blocked by Govic. Valentine charged in, had two rapid-fire shots blocked and struck the third just wide of the near post.

Drago Deankovic almost made his mark in the 38th minute. Biskic curled in a free kick from the right and from eight metres out Deankovic powered a header toward goal, so hard that Olver only could parry and the ball was scrambled clear.

Just when it looked like Croatia still would be in the match at half time, Govic and Deankovic combined in disastrous fashion to make it 2-0.

Deankovic was facing his own goal, seemingly in no trouble at all. But Winn had other ideas. He closed down the Croatia defender and pressured him superbly. Govic came off his line and Deankovic passed back, just wide of Govic who still should have grabbed the ball. Tragically for Croatia the ball trickled through Govic's despairing grasp and into the back of the net.

If the contest wasn't over as the players trudged off the park for the interval, it almost certainly was ended by the half-time fracas in the Croatia rooms.

Young Ivan Jurcic replaced Cumming at half time and four minutes into the second half loud Croatia appeals for a penalty after McKie docketed Jim Campbell were ignored by referee Mike Gaut.

Heidelberg went further ahead in the 54th minute and what a testament this goal was to the running of Valentine, who started the move wide on the left and ended up charging in from the right of the Croatia area to finish it off.

Valentine played the ball to Stevenson who relayed it to Steve Tasios. Valentine then ran into the Croatia area as Tasios waved his way past two defenders then smacked the ball hard across the face of goal. Valentine hit home a superb first time shot from close range to make it 3-0.

Biskic, ever dangerous from set-piece situations, struck the bar with a free kick in the 58th minute but four minutes later Winn gained a well deserved reward for the enormous work he'd put in, when his first time shot from 12 metres eluded Govic's clutch and rolled into the back of the Croatia net.

Tasios broke through in the 68th minute but shot wide under pressure from Jurcic and Croatia hit back in the 78th minute, when Antolovic headed in from close range following a Biskic free kick from the left.

With five minutes remaining, Tasios made it 5-1. A superb build-up gave Winn possession on the left and he drove the ball across the face of the Croatia goal to the unmarked Tasios who's simple sidefooted told the sorry tale of Croatia's defensive ineptitude.



• Croatia, still happy before the Buffalo Gold Cup final. From left, standing: Drago Deankovic, George Hannah, Shaun Parton, Zeljko Govic, Ivica Jurcic, Ivan Smoljko, Mirko Runje, Jozo Antolovic. Front: Greg House, Josip Biskic, Tommy Cumming, Jim Campbell, Victor Cristaldo, Danny Sabljak, Tom Protuder.

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Olver best, Lewis
the goals king

Heidelberg-Alexander goalkeeper Jeff Olver was voted best player of the Buffalo Gold Cup series.

Olver received 36 votes from a panel of journalists, winning the award by a margin of 20.

Top scorer with eight goals was Paul Lewis of Green Gully. Voting details:

36 Jeff Olver (H'berg)
16 George Hannah (Croatia), Sean Lane (Macedonia)
12 Paul Lewis (Green Gully)
7 Steve Tasios (H'berg)
5 Ian McKie (H'berg), Dennis Boland (JUST), Steve Moore (Morwell).

All scorers in the Buffalo Gold Cup

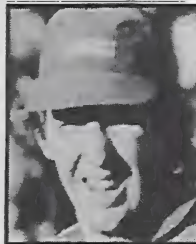
8 Lewis (GCV)
5 Lane (PM)
4 Patterson (H'berg), Latif (SGC)

3 Halford (H'berg), Selemidis, Winn (H'berg)

2 Warszawski, Przybyla (Pol), Gojevic, Antolovic (Croat), McDowell (H'ell), Moore, Athersych (Morw), Palinkas (Farwk), Sweeney, Cullen (Juve), Glider (SGC)

1 Lloyd (GC), Opasinis, Spink, Cole, Ilioski (PM), Gregorczuk (Pol), Biskic, Hannah, House, Cumming, Deankovic (Croat), Egan, Brown (H'ell), Bingham, Cassar, Stirling (Morw), White, Roodhouse, Azzopardi, A Humble, Hennessy (Box Hill), Gabrielson, Stevenson, Yankos, Valentine, Tasios (H'berg), Tuffield, Angele, Cavallari (Fawk), Stojilovic, Belic, Lazopoulos (J.U.S.T.), Zinni, Incantalupo (Juve), Mitten (SGC)

* Dankovic also scored an own goal, against Heidelberg in the final.



Jeff Olver



Paul Lewis

IT'S CROYDON
AND PINES!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Croydon and Frankston Pines for the final! That's my tip and Thomastown coach Joe Wilson will be a happy man indeed when he reads this preview of tonight's (Wednesday's) Buffalo League Cup semi-final.

"I'm quite happy to be playing Croydon in the semis because I reckon they (Croydon) might be a bit cocky and we might just catch them out," said Wilson.

Croydon and Thomastown clash at Jubilee Park tonight at 7 pm while the other semi, between Frankston Pines and Northcote, is at Selwyn Park tonight at 7 pm. The final is at Ross Reserve this Sunday at 3 pm.

We can beat anyone if we put our game together and I've got no doubts that we'll give Croydon one hell of a fight," Wilson added.

Croydon expected to finalise the transfer of striker David Brogan from Melbourne Croatia as we went to press but Croydon player-coach Peter Ollerton was guarded about Brogan lining up in tonight's semi.

"Davie (Brogan) will be a great bonus for us and he'll definitely be in my squad but I'm not sure yet whether or not he'll start off in the side," said Ollerton.

"I don't know a lot about Thomastown but I saw them in last year's Dockerty Cup and I



Peter Ollerton

know that they've got a lot of goers in their side.

"But we're very tight at the back and we're creating plenty chances up front. We're very confident and to be honest, I don't really give a damn about who we play at this stage."

Wilson reckons that the press will pump for Croydon and he'll use this to motivate his players but can that overcome the class difference between these sides? I doubt it.

Bill Whiteside, Jim O'Reilly, Jim Tansey, Ken Taylor, Tom Brewerton, Graham French, Ollerton and perhaps Brogan give Croydon tremendous experience going into this match and while Brendan Lalic's pace will worry Croydon on the break, Ollerton's outfit should win its way into Sunday's final.

Pines coach Danny McMinimie was tossing up whether or not to use young striker Richie Armstrong in his starting line-up against Northcote.

"We signed Richie from Melbourne a few weeks back and we've been nursing him along. He scored three goals in a friendly on the weekend and was very impressive so I'm thinking of using him in the semi," said McMinimie.

With Steve Lawson sweeping up, John Cullen as stopper and Peter Thurlow and Dave Ferris as fullbacks, Pines have the strength at the back to shut out Peter Constantinou and Con Dionisopoulos.

TWO OUT OF TWO
FOR KNOX CITY

Two goals by striker Hussein Skenderovic gave Knox City a 2-0 win over Skye Rovers in the Buffalo Junior Gold Cup for under 13's.

The picture at left shows Knox captain Ashley Bullock proudly displaying the Cup won by his team in the curtain raiser to the Buffalo Gold Cup final at Olympic Park.

It was Knox's second appearance in the final of this competition. It first reached the final in 1982 and also was victorious.

Knox's squad for the final last Saturday was: F. Talia, M. Warren, M. Rushest, P. Vidic, M. Asherman, A. Bullock, G. Alonso, B. La Vaie, C. Heath, H. Skenderovic.

vic. P. Grancourt, I. Ramshaw, B. Kirk, G. Tidd, R. Prosic.

Skye's squad was: P. McGovern, J. Burrows, T. Murrell, C. La Cass, S. Doolan, S. Parrott, D. McMillan, G. Sambell, A. Blyth, G. McVilly, C. Seisen, E. Schmidt, G. Gilliard, C. Oakes, K. Solomon.

Skye is coached by former Footscray J.U.S.T. star defender Alan Parrott, who has been appointed coach of the Victorian under 13's.

Knox goalkeeper Frank Talia won the inaugural Jack Reilly Goalkeeper of the Final award.

Bergers
fear
photo

Heidelberg Alexander refused to pose for a team photograph before the Buffalo Gold Cup final last Saturday.

We don't know why. Maybe it's due to some deeply held superstition which has no basis in scientific fact. Or common sense and a sense of promotion.

We apologise to Heidelberg supporters, to the sponsor Buffalo Sports and to the VSF, for not showing the victorious Heidelberg team on these pages but if you're unhappy, please let Heidelberg know about it, not us.

Webster
available

Striker Stan Webster is transfer listed at \$3,500 but the price is negotiable.

Webster, a Scot, came to Australia a few years back to play for Hakoah in Melbourne. He switched to Doveton in 1982 and joined Morwell Falcons last season.

Webster is a first class striker with a proven scoring record and can be contacted at home on 799 2489.

VICTORIAN CUPS

Victorian League Cup results:

Nunawading City 2 Clifton Hill 3, Keysborough 5 Laor United 2, North Geelong 1 South Oakleigh 0, Kew Park Rangers 0 Werribee 2, Mornington 0 Bell Park 1, Femire Gully 1 North Dandenong 2 after extra time, Melbourne 2 East Brunswick 1, Bullen 2 Langwarrin 1, Sunbury 3 Ringwood United 2, Ardeer 3 Heidelberg-Rundoora 2, Altona Gate 1 SM-Mordialloc 3, Coburg 0 Mooroolbark 4, Yallourn 2 Eltham 0, Waverley City 1 Corio 0, Broadmeadows 4 Karingal 1, Ballarat 3 Hamlyn Rangers 0, Springvale United 0 Yarraville 3, Doncaster Rovers 5 Moorabbin 3 after extra time.

Provisional League Cup results:

CROATIA TOPS

Croatia's under 13 and under 14 teams won the Northern Region Junior Shield for the third successive year.

Under 12: Croatia 2 Macedonia 0

Under 13: Croatia 1 Fawknor 0

Under 14: Croatia 3 Bullen 2

Under 15: Thomastown 1 Essendon Triestina 0

Under 16: Macedonia 3 Fawknor 2 after extra time.

Monbulk 2 Ascot Vale 5, Berwick 1 South Yarra 3 (on penalties), Port United 3 Balclava 1, Mitcham 2 Geelong United 3, Williamstown 2 Brunswick City 1, Abbotsford 2 Ivanhoe City 3, Clayton 1 Seaford 3, West Meadows 2 Westall 1, Melbourne United 4 Laor 0, South Springvale 4 Altona United 2, East Geelong 2 Kensington United 0, Meadow Park 1 Central City 2, Hawthorn 2 Monash Uni 1.

Provisional League Reserves Cup results:

South Springvale 4 Berwick 2, Laor v Monash (Laor couldn't field a team), Fitzroy City 3 Westall 1, Fitzroy Dandenong v Kensington (Kensington didn't turn up), Monbulk 2 Brunswick City 1, Balclava 2 North Sunshine 1, West Brunswick 1 Lyndale United 2, East Geelong 1 Clarinda 2, Mulgrave Ascot 14 Meadow Park 0, Clayton 1 Seaford 2.

Saturday's games:

VICTORIAN LEAGUE CUP: Werribee v Broadmeadows, Holland Park v Geelong, Yallourn v Sandringham, SM-Mordialloc v Keilor Australia, Melbourne v Ballarat, Waverley City v Doncaster Rovers, Essendon Triestina v Bell Park, North Geelong v Ardeer, Yarraville v Caulfield, Keysborough v Moreland, Clifton Hill v Boronia, Rosanna v North Dandenong, Langwarrin v Dandenong City, Mooroolbark v Doveton, Sunbury v Port Melbourne, Altona City v Prahran Slavia.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP:

Chelsea v Mulgrave Ascot, Geelong United v Moss United, Williamstown v South Yarra, South Springvale v

West Brunswick, Melbourne United v Uni of Melbourne, West Melbourne v Pascoe Vale, Carrum United v Ivanhoe City, Central City v Lyndale United, West Melbourne v Dingley, South Dandenong v Fitzroy City, Seaford v Regent, Nunawading United v North Sunshine, Malvern City v St Kilda, Hawthorn v Clarinda, Ascot Vale v East Geelong.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE RESERVES CUP:

Williamstown v Fitzroy City (1pm), Geelong United v Dingley (1pm), South Springvale v Nunawading United (1pm), Mitcham v Mulgrave (1pm), Ivanhoe City v Melbourne United, Clarinda v Cranbourne, Carrum United v Regent (1pm), Ascot Vale v South Yarra (1pm), Clayton v Seaford (1pm), Uni of Melbourne v Abbotsford, Mossfield v St Kilda, Monash Uni v Balclava (1pm), Pascoe Vale v Malvern v Westmeads v Monbulk (1pm), Central City v Lyndale (1pm), Hawthorn v South Dandenong (1pm).

CUP TO CELTIC

Prahran Celtic won the inaugural Gorbals Cup, beating Lyndale United 1-0 in the final.

Celtic beat Cranbourne 2-0 and Lyndale beat Dingley 2-1 to reach the final.

Lyndale last week signed former George Cross and Doveton defender Alec McConville, from Frankston Pines.

Final group standings:

	SECTION A						
	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	
Croydon	4	0	0	9	1	8	
Northcote	2	1	1	5	4	5	
Wilhelmina	0	3	1	3	6	3	
Albion R	0	2	2	3	6	2	
Springvale	0	2	2	1	4	2	
	SECTION B						
	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	
F'ston Pines	3	1	0	8	4	7	
Thomastown	3	0	1	6	1	6	
Dinamo	2	1	1	6	3	5	
Knox City	1	0	3	5	10	2	
W Suburbs	0	0	4	0	7	0	

David Brogan
Charlie Egan's
brother here

John Egan, 19, younger brother of Hellen star Charlie Egan, 25, arrived from Scotland on a one-year working visa last week, and hopes to join a Melbourne club.

John has been playing juvenile soccer with St Pat's in Scotland, and has had trials with Altona and Airdrie. He plays as striker.

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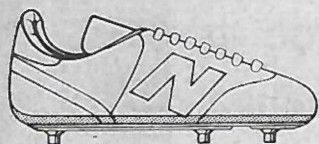
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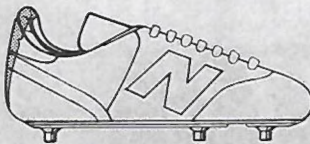
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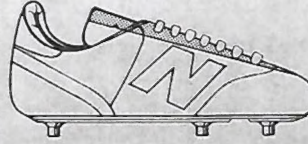
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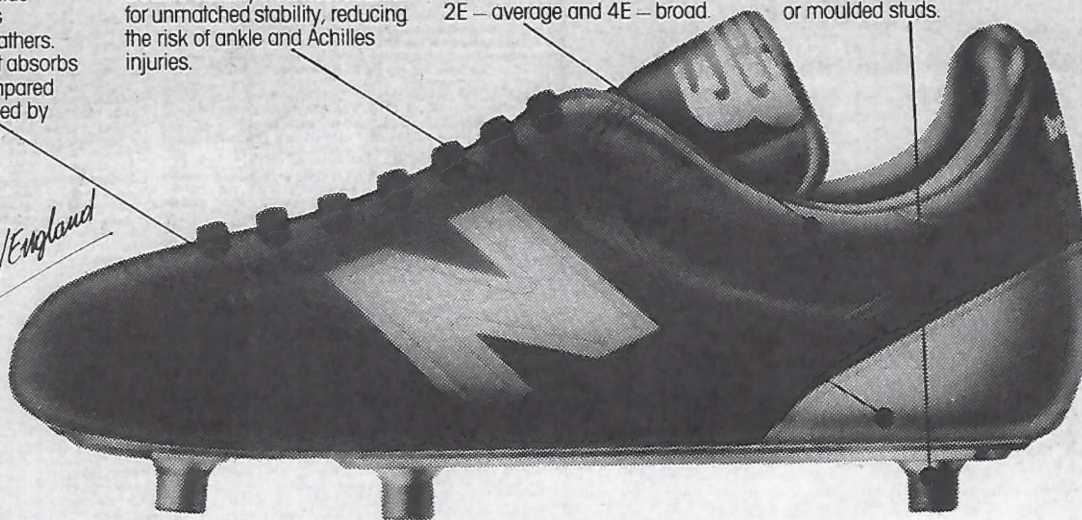
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Scotland, June 12: Iceland v Spain. Sept 10: Wales v Scotland, 25: Spain v Iceland.

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HARRY WHO?

Alan Davidson's breakthrough into the Nottingham Forest first team enabled him to become the 13th Australian born player to appear in the English Football League.

The very first Aussie to participate in what is still generally believed to be the toughest domestic competition of them all had the rather unlikely name of Harry Higginbotham.

Higginbotham wore the colors of South Shields, Luton Town, Orient, Nelson, Reading and Queen's Park Rangers during the early 1930's.

In the same decade, another son of the Commonwealth, Alfred Jennings, commenced a professional career which saw service at Tottenham Hotspur and Oldham Athletic.

Australians attached to English clubs in the post war years have been: Peter Baines (Wrexham, Crewe Alexandra, Hartlepool United and New Brighton), Walter Carneke (Rochdale), Willie Fraser (Sunderland and Nottingham Forest), Ken Greaves (Bury, Bolton Wanderers and Stockport County), George Horsfall (Southend United and Southampton), Joe Marston (Preston North End), John Roberts (Chelsea, Blackburn Rovers, Chesterfield, Bradford City, Southend United and Northampton Town), Max Tolson (Workington), Tony Dorico (Aston Villa), John Kasmina (Arsenal) and Alan Davidson (Nottingham Forest).

In view of the recent speculation over Davidson's future, it must be hoped that it is not a case of 13 being an unlucky number for the popular Soccerero.

-PAUL MOON

Kalantzis stays put, Bernal to Gijon

Sydney Olympic striker Chris Kalantzis tips a big season for his club.

Voted the man of the tournament in the recent Oceania World Youth Cup preliminaries in Sydney, he scored seven goals in the series, two ahead of his nearest rivals.

"At Olympic this year we have the depth to go well in the NSL although we're going to miss defenders Mike Coady and Martin Rogers and midfielder Jim Patikas," Kalantzis said.

His ambitions this year extend to both club and country in the World Youth Cup finals, for which Australia has qualified in the USSR from August 24 to September 7.

Although Kalantzis already has been nominated as a prospect for the National team at the end of the year, he himself is rather wary.

"I think I am too young for the senior World Cup. For my part I am aiming to take the proper steps in my career and that means — one at a time," he said.

Whereas other National youth team members hope for careers overseas, Kalantzis wishes to make something for himself in soccer in his own country.

National youth coach Jim

Shoulder affirms that Kalantzis should go through his apprenticeship first.

"He has to come to grips with his playing discipline. When he's hot he's really hot but he's when he's cold he's freezing."

Shoulder is hoping that he will be able to take the National youth team to Mexico's Havelange Tournament from April 24 to May 5.

The Australian Soccer Federation is, however, experiencing difficulties in funding the trip.

The World Cup committee is looking at the matter closely and hopes to have a solution by the time FIFA president Joao Havelange visits Sydney on March 27-28.

Meanwhile, Andrew Bernal, the young Soccerro skipper and sweeper, will be missed for the Mexico visit if it occurs.

Bernal, of Spanish descent, leaves on March 10 to trial for Spanish first division club Sporting Gijon, although he was promised to be available for the World Youth Cup finals.

YUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

NOVO RAZOCARENJE

JUSTovi navijaci još jedanput su napustili igraliste pogutane glavom i duhom razočarenja, ne zbog teskog poraza koliko zbog odnosa prema igri vedne igraca.

Nedostatak borbenosti i osudebljenja zarano deluju na cео tim, koji je uvek bio dirigiran u takvoj sredini mladi i neiskusni igraoci pokleku pre vremena, odmah cim su izašli na teren.

Razume se, ima casnih izuzetaka kao sto je prosle nedelja bio Tomislav Karic, iako jos mlad igrač, ali svestan svoje vloge i moci u ekipi koja se ponovo stvara. Zdravko Lujic se takode trudi, ali izdajica odsecan kao bek i krilo, a dirigent mora biti u sredini.

Trener Ceda Cirkovic ima pune ruke posla u ovom trenutku, koji ne moze da obavi carobnim stapom. Na situ se ovakvim uslovima, mnogo cicio kod igrača koji imaju tremu.

Poslo je JUST istao tako brzo iz Nacionalnog kupa treba misliti na prvenstvo koje pocinje vec iduce nedelje.

Dobro je sto pocinje sa mocnom Makedonijom, koja plovu u oblacima posle trijumfa nad Helasom.

Treba ocekivati na JUST-ovom igralistu rekordan postu, sto je vazno za pocetak prvenstva jer se do sad igralo za sav eznu kasu.

Moze li se JUST odupreti Makedoniji u ovom trenutku? Moze, ako pojaca odbranu. Mladi i telenovani golman Mark Turudija ne sme da izgubi samopouzdanje, a izgubice ga ako bude branio u ovakvim uslovima.

Pozvan je nazad Milutin Ciric, a ako postojе smetnje, onda se treba obratiti Denis Boland u jos jedno vreme civa "plavi" mrcu, sto ce ravno pribaviti. Vazno je kad cео tim ima poverenje u golmana.

MAKEDONIJA je protiv Hellasa pokazala da ima veliki div. Na kraju je u porazu. Dileko od toga. Tako je verovao Hellas i lose se proveo u Prestonu.

Istina Hellas je protiv Make-



donije imao prividnu nadmoc. Izveo je 7 kornera, a Make-donija 5. Ali sta je USTU pomoglo sto je izveo 12 udaraca sa ugla a Green Gully svega? U utakmicu ce odliciti precizni strelci, ali i prisebnost pred golom.

Utakmica JUST v. Makedonija pocinje u 3 po podne na JUST-ovom igralistu u Foot-scrayu. Sudi Chris Bambridge.

Na fudbalsku scenu pripivaju stupa ju ove godine i mladi tim-ovi, koji pocinju u 1 po podne predigru. JUST-ov mladi tim trenira Milos Adamovick svako utorka i cetvrtka od 6 uvece na JUST-ovom igralistu. Istovremeno trenira i Juniori ispod 18 godina, koje trenira Djuro Krivosija.

VICTORIA LEAGUE CUP

Prosele subote pocelo je takmicenja za Victoria League Cup. Nasi klubovi se lose startovali. Ispali su gotovo svi u prvom kola. Ustalom ovo rezultata:

Altona Gate/VARDAR-S.M. Mordialloc 1:3 (0:1). Navala Vardara ponovo je bila bolna tacka zbog jalovosti, jer nije zuala da iskoristi ciste sansе, dok su gosti završavali svaki protivnapad sa loptom u mrezi Lacoka. Jedini gol postigao je

za Vardar Boris Gelevski, posto je prethodno proturio loptom kroz noge Jim Milneu i golmanu u 84. minutu, ali tada je Mordiallos vec vodio sa 3:0. JUST-ov veterani Denis Boland je igrač i trener Mo ilaloc.

ali ovog puta nije branio. Sastav Altona Gate/VARDARA: Dany Lacok, Ace Petrovski, Jimmy Dervisovski, Jonec Serovski, Dragi Naumovski, Boris Gelevski, Zlatko Veljanovski, Steve Dimovski (Ljube Talevski od 7. minuta posto je Steve povredio koleno).

Drugi Mordialloski, Peter Kuzmanovski (od 46. minuta Mendo Ristovski), Zoran Dervisovski.

Sunbury-Ringwood Utd/SRBIA 7:2 (1:1). Mladi tim Srbije vrio dobro se pokazao, a napustio je teren porazen zaslugom sudire, koji je priznao prvi gol za domaci tim iako je iopta prethodno bila u golatu.

Strelci za Srbiju Tabor Hag, jmasi iz slobodnog udarca i Pavle Jevticov iz jedanaesterca, posto je sam bio oboren u kaznenom prostoru.

Sastav Ringwood/Srbije: Jimmy Mills, Markos (Bosancic), Gilmour, Nelson, Hagi, mas, Ross, Stojanovic (Milan Stefanovic), Jevticov, Demir. Tesko je izdvojiti najboljeg

igrača, jer je cео tim dobro funkcionisao protiv iskusnijeg protivnika.

SPRINGVALE UNITED-Yarraville 0:3 (0:1). "Plavi" su igrali a gosti su davali golove. Posle utakmice trener Ivica Cvek je lepo ukazao na nedostatak, koji se mogu ukloniti do pocetka prvenstva ako svi igraoci ozbiljno shvate pripreme i trenirne redovno pascuju. Poraz je previsok prema stvarnom odnosu snaga na terenu.

Sastav "Plavih" iz Springvala: Zoran Mandic, Fredi Veselo, John Markidis (Ilija Kerezovic od 65. minuta), Pero Dangovski, Zek Tepic, Hito Kaim, Dragoslav Jelcic, Milenko Culibr, Laji Pircan, Cane Veleviski, Goran Velejovic (Zeljko Jaglica od 57. minuta).

Keysborough-Lalor Utd/S-LOGA 5:0 (4:0). Za razliku od drugih nasih klubova kojima je prola subota bila "crna" zbog jalove navale kod Sloge je otkazala odbrana na celu sa nesigurnim golmanom. Igra je inace bila izvrsna. Strelci za Slogu: Peter Srojanovski i Toni Georgejevski.

Sastav Lalor/Sloge: Zoran Jankijevski, Nik Morohovitis, Zdravko Beran (Zarko Bemice), Dare Nikolovski, Kire

U J.U.S.T. 1985 sezone. Stoje: Radovan Barjak-tarovic, Tom Karic, Branislav Jovic, Mark Turudija, Theo Vagias, Zoran Pasoski, Zdravko Lujic. Cuce: Suli Curovic, Milan Stojilovic, Emil Petrov, Ernie Tapani, Ariel Raigoza, Bill Lazopoulos.

Ilijevski, George Josevski, Chris Morohovitis, Biktur Kur-linis (Viktor Stojanovski, Pero Pekovski (Vlatko Jolevski), Toni Georgejevski.

PROVIZIONALNI KUP

U drugom kolu Provizionalnog kupa nasi klubovi su daleko bolje prošli: Williamstown/MLADOST-Bruswick City 2:1 (2:0). Protiv vetra Mladost je pružila izvanrednu igru, aali se posle odmora ukopala i jedva ucuala pobedu steccu u prvom poluvremenu. Strelci: Boris Srdinovski i Zarko Stefanovic.

Sastav Mladosti: Vlatka Mitrovic, Zdenko Jovic, Tom Dimovski, Mirko Beker, Dance Smurjevski, Cane Trajovski, Zoran Jankovic (Zoran Kmetovic), Vasko Stojcevski, Zarko Stefanovic, Cane Bosevski (Marko Gvozdic), Boris Srdinovski.

TA NEA TON OMAΔΩN ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ



by Manos Milios

ΗΜΕΤΕΡΑΙΟΙ ΤΟΥ ΜΙΛΩΔΑΙΟ

Σήμερα γίνονται οι ημετετατικοι αγώνες του Ηπάφαλο Κάπ στο γήπεδο του Ρίνγουουντ και στο "Αλμπιον Ρόβερες".

Στο πρώτο μάτ θα παίζει το Κρόντον με το Στουματσόβοντς και στο ελ λο θα αγωνισθεί ο "Ηρακλής με το Φρόνκτοντ Πάινς.

ΑΥΟ ΠΑΙΚΤΕΣ ΣΤΟ ΟΧΛΟ

Τό "Οχλο απέκτησε δύο άδυμη παίκτες. Πρόκειται για τους Στήβ Κλαβέλο και Μιχάλη Λαλέτα.

"Η τελευταία μεταγραφή του "Οχλο ήταν ο Ητράγκαν Ντελάνοβιτς από το Ρίνγουουντ.

Τό πανηγύρι του "Οχλο θα γίνει στις 17 του Μάρτι στο γήπεδο του με συμμετοχή πολλών καλλιτεχνών.

Η ΚΑΡΠΙΝΤΑ

Για το Προβίζιοναλ Κάπ η αναληρωματική ομάδα της Κλαρίντας, νίκησε την αντίστοιχη του Τζελρόκ 2-1.

Και πάλι δύο τέτατα πέτυχε ο Βασίλης Γκατζώνης ο προπονητής της Α' ομάδας που ενίσχυσε την ενδοκάδα.

"Επαίξαν οι Ιακωβός, Κονολόκος, Μένος, Σε Γής, Στρατοβόκης, Ντουνιάς, Τσαντολάς (77) Κουρκουρίδης (άρκεος), Γεωδοκούδης, Β. Γκατζώνης (Κούτσικος 75), Καϊνίτης.

Τό Σάββατο στο Χάλο του Κλάντον, η Κλαρίντα διοργανώνει Παιρκετιολο μά προσηλαί όλους τους φίλους της να δώσουν τό παρών.

ΕΝΩΣΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

"Αλλάξε το Δ.Σ. της "Ενώσης Ποντίων και τό πόστο του προέδρου πήρε ο Π. Φώδης.

"Επίσης γενικός αρχηγός και επί του Τό-που ανέλαβε ο "Ηρακλής Καϊνίτης.

Προπονητής είναι ο Στήβ Κουρνούκωδης και οι προπονησεις γίνονται κάθε Τρίτη και Πέμπτη στο γήπεδο του Τεχνικαλ Σκουλ στο Ρί-τομοντ.

SPORTS EXTRA

"Ο γνωστός προπονητής της Τζάστ ΟΕΟ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΣΤΗΣ άνοιξε ένα μοντέρνο κατσίονα με δ-λα τά εδύη τών σπόρ στο Ρίτομοντ.

Η οδούση του είναι: 66 BRIDGE RD/RICHMOND και τό τηλέφωνό του 429 3079.

"Όπως μάς είπε σε διάδες κάνει άδυμη τίς σπέσιαλ τιμές.

Ο ΓΙΩΡΓΟΣ ΣΥΝΑΙΩΝΕ

"Ο Γιώργος Συναϊώδης έπίσημος προπονητής από την Ποδοσφαιρική "Ομοσπονδία της Βικτωρίας, έπίσημος από την "Ελλάδα και είναι ο πρώτος διδάσκαλος έτοιμασθήποτε ομάδας.

Τό τηλέφωνό του είναι 460 8988.

ΜΕΤΑΛΛΗ ΝΙΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΙΤΩΝ ΧΙΛ

Ενόν πρώτο του έπίσημο αγώνα για τό Βικτό-ριαν Κάπ τό Κλάιφτον Χίλ νίκησε 3-2 την ομάδα της Α' κατηγορίας Νακαγόντινκ Σίτυ και πέ-ρασε στόν Β' γύρο.

Τό μάτ τό έκρινε πέρα πολύς δ δυνατός άνεμος. "Η έλληνική ομάδα μας στο Α' μέρος με τόν έέρα βοηθό προηγήθηκε 3-0.

Τό γκολ πέτυχαν οι Στρατιώτες και "Ανδρίω-της 2 (τό ένα από πέναλτυ).

Στήν επανάληψη την υπεροχή και τόν έέρα είχε τό Νακαγόντινκ που μετώσε σε 3-2 για να περάσει όδοσκολος στιγμές ή έστία του γκολή κερ Κόργιου στο τελευταία 15 λεπτά.

Οι αντίπαλοι είχαν δύο δοκάρια και τό Κλάι-φτον ένα με τόν "Ανδρίωτη στο 86' της συνάν-τησης.

Ρεφερέ ήταν ο κ. Ρ. ΣΠΕΥΕΡΣ άριστος χω-ρίς να άφαιρε κανένα παραπονεμένο. Βαθ. 10

Τό Κλάιφτον έπαίξε με τους: Κόργιο, Γκρέλλη, Χρόνι, Καρλίανη, Λορέντζι, Πετρόπουλο, Πελεγρί-ου, Πακαγερώνη, "Αραβήνη (80' βάκος) "Ανδρίω-τη και Στρατιώτη.

"Όλοι οι παίκτες άφισαν άριστες εντυπώσεις και είναι αδιάδοχοι για τόν αγώνα του Σάβ-βάτου με την Μπρόντνιαν που θα γίνει στο γήπε-δο της έλληνικής ομάδας.

"Η Β' ομάδα την όποια προπονει ο Πέτρος Πε-τρόπουλος έφερε ίσοπαλία με την αντίστοιχη του Νακαγόντινκ Σίτυ 3-3.

ΟΙ ΠΑΛΑΙΩΝΑΧΟΙ ΜΟΙΡΑΣΕΝΚΑΝ ΤΑ ΚΥΠΕΛΛΑ

"Όπως είχαμε γράψει τό τουνουάτι τών παλαι-μάχων για δέστερη χρονιά είχε άδοξό τέλος.

Οι δύο άδυς όδοσφοιές ομάδες για τόν τίτ-λο της Κυπελλόχου του Σάουθ Σπρινγκβαλ - και τό Κλάιφτον, έδωσαν ένα αγώνα μέσα σε άθλητική κλαίσια στο γήπεδο του Κλάιφτον Χίλ και με την ενδοκασία του "Μίνι Κάπ" τό

όποιο διοργανώνει ο κυανόλευκος σύλλογος. Οι δύο ομάδες πήραν από ένα ημίχρονο ή κά-θε μάτ.

Τό Σάουθ Σπρινγκβαλ προηγήθηκε με τόν Κο-ρόφα στο Α' μέρος που ήταν και καλύτερο. Στήν επανάληψη τό Κλάιφτον κράτησε την όπε

ροχή και πέτυχε δύο τέτατα (Μήλιος-Λορέν-τζι) για να έσοφορίσει στο τελευταίο λεπτό του αγώνα τό Σπρινγκβαλ.

Διαιτη τό 2-2 έλλά τό Κύπελλο του νικήτη δόθηκε στο Σπρινγκβαλ που ήταν και ή φιλο-ζενόθυμη ομάδα.

Τό άπονομή έκανε ο πρόεδρος του Κλάιφτον κ. Κώστας Βαβάτσικος που έβωσε κίβελλα και στίς δύο ομάδες.

"Όπως μάς είπαν οι όπεθόνουσι του Σάουθ Σπρινγκβαλ του χρόνου θα διοργανώσουν τό τουνουάτι τών παλαιμάχων στο γήπεδό τους.

ΤΟ ΣΑΟΥΘ ΣΠΡΙΝΚΒΑΛ ΠΡΟΧΩΡΗΣΕ

Για τό Προβίζιοναλ Κάπ τό Σ. Σπρινγκβαλ νίκησε 4-2 την "Αλτάνα Γιουνι. και πέρασε στόν έπόμενο γύρο.

Τό γκολ πέτυχαν οι Τομάζος 2, Σταμάτης 2 και από τους νικήτες δέν συτέρησε κανείς.

"Ο γκολήκπερ άδυς Π. Παμουρτζής ήταν δ και άλύτερος της συνάντησης.

"Η διοίκηση του συλλόγου καλωσορίζει δύο νέους παίκτες που άπέκτησε. Πρόκειται για τόν Στήβ Κατοσάρ και τόν Χρήστο Λεονάρδο από τό "Οχλο.

ΤΟ "ΜΙΝΙ" ΚΑΙ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΙΤΩΝ ΧΙΛ

"Αρχισε την Κυριακή τό "Μίνι" Κάπ στο γή-πεδο του Κλάιφτον Χίλ που είναι και ή διο-ργανώτρια ομάδα.

Τό Κύπελλο γίνεται έπ' ενδοκασία του γιο-ρτασμού του Κλάιφτον για τά 13 χρόνια του.

Στον πρώτο αγώνα ή Κλαρίντα με γκολ του Α. Τζατζώνη νίκησε τόν Λεονάρδο 1-0.

Ενόν δεύτερο τό Μάλαβαν μετά από έπεισο-διακό αγώνα νίκησε τό Κλάιφτον 2-1.

"Ας σημειωθεί ότι δέν στάδθηκαν ρεφερέ από την "Ομοσπονδία και κυανόλευκος να χα-λάσει ή διοργάνωση στόν δεύτερο αγώνα.

Οι παίκτες του Μάλαβαν έπαίξαν όχι μόνο σκληρά αλλά και άνταθλητικά κάτι που ή-ταν έκπληξη για δύο γνωρίζουν την ομάδα. Τό δέν δέν όδοθηκε έπίσημος διαιτητής για να άποβάσει τους παρεκτραπέντας ήταν και ή αίτσία που γέμισαν με κτηνηματα τό πόδια τών παικτών του Κλάιφτον "Ανδρίωτη, Πε-τρόπουλου, Χρόνη, Μυστριώτη, Πακαγερώνη.

"Από τό Κλάιφτον άπουστάσαν οι Βλαχάκης, Κα-ράλιας, Γκρέλλης.

Την Κυριακή παίζουν ΚΑΙΤΩΝ - ΑΕΘΝΙΑΔΕΣ και ΚΑΡΠΙΝΤΑ-ΜΑΑΒΕΝ. "Επείσουμε δέ να δού με έπίσημους διαιτητές για να μή χαλάσει ή διοργάνωση.

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ΤΑ ΤΩΝ Κ. ΧΡΗΣΤΟ ΣΑΡΡΗ

Χρήσε Χρήστο Σαρρή την ζέρεσι περίπου την όπεθεση. Διεύς σας άνθρωπος που τάρα τόν έ-χετε και στήν πόρτα σας, μό έχε έπίτελει πέρσει μέσα στο "Ολύμπι Πάρκ και άπ' έξω από την πόρτα τών άποδυτήριων σας.

"Αν μάς είχα μάρτυρα τόν όπεθόνου του SO-OCER ACTION προτίμησα να μή τό κάνω μίνυ-σο μετά από παρέκλιση του προέδρου κ. Γιουν-άλοπουλου.

Ζήτησα άδυς να μού πληρώσει τό κουστούμι γιατί με την κλωστή μου δέχθηκα μόν έίχε οικισι τό παντελόνι.

Τελικά έσο όταν μήθηκε στο Δ.Σ έσπευσε να λώσει τη διαφορά και μάλιστα πληρώσε στο κατσίονα του κ. Βαχάβακ 300 δολ. προ-κειμένου να πάρε ένα άλλο κουστούμι.

Πέρασε καιρός και στο έχω πεί δύο φορές πώς σε εχαριστώ αλλά δέν έβλε τίποτε από έσένα.

Τώρα στο ζαχαλάει θγαίνε να πείρει τά λε-πέτ σου γιατί οι όμοσπολογόφοι μπορεί να τρώνε κλωστής αλλά δέν πουλιούνται.

Μόνό πές στο κολλητό σου τόν όμοσπολογό-φο πώς δέν έπίσσε ή μπλόκα και με μή ζανα περσίσει να ρωτήσει τόν κατσίοναπάτηχη άν πήρα τό κουστούμι.

Και ζέρεσι γιατί στο γράφω όμοσπολογόφοι είμαι άθλητικογράφος έσο και 22 χρόνια με δυο νύναι έχω μάθει να ζεχαρίζω τά... "Έξυ νοσούθλια".

ΠΑΡΑΙΤΗΘΗΚΑΝ ΑΠΟ ΤΩΝ ΜΕΤΑ ΑΥΟ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΧΟΙ

Σπύρος Ρομποτής και Τζιμ Γαβριηλίδης πα-ραιτήθηκαν από τό Δ.Σ. του Μέγα.

"Ο πρώτος άδυς μέλαμε λόγω "οίονογενεία - νών όποσφωσών" και ο δεύτερος γιατί δέν συμψήφισε που παρβέμενε δ Μανόλοδντ άφού ήδη έίχε μπει στό λώτα τών μεταγραφών.

Οι παραιτήσεις δέν έγιναν δεκτές άδυς ά-πό τόν πρόεδρο Σάμ Γουλιόπουλο και δέν ζέ-ρουμε μέχρι τώρα που γράφεται ή στήλη τί άπόγινε.



NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE KICKS OFF THIS WEEKEND

ROUND ONE 9-10 MARCH

SOUTHERN DIVISION

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS vs HEIDELBERG at CHAPLIN RESERVE, 3 pm SUNDAY 10 March
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS YOUTH vs HEIDELBERG YOUTH at SKINNER RESERVE, 1.15 pm

FOOTSCRAY vs PRESTON at SCHINTLER RESERVE, 3 pm SUNDAY 10th March
FOOTSCRAY YOUTH vs PRESTON YOUTH at SCHINTLER RESERVE, 1.15 pm

STH MELBOURNE HELLAS vs GREEN GULLY at MIDDLE PARK, 3 pm SUNDAY 10th MARCH
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS YOUTH vs GREEN GULLY YOUTH at MIDDLE PARK, 1.15 pm

WEST ADELAIDE vs BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS at HINDMARSH STADIUM, 2.30 pm SUNDAY 10th March
FRANKSTON PINES YOUTH vs BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS YOUTH at MONTEREY OVAL, Monterey Boulevard, Frankston North

MELBOURNE CROATIA vs ADELAIDE CITY at OLYMPIC PARK No.1 GROUND, 3 pm SUNDAY 10th March
MELBOURNE CROATIA YOUTH vs FAWKNER YOUTH at OLYMPIC PARK No. 1 GROUND, 1.15 pm

NORTHERN DIVISION

APIA LEICHHARDT vs WOLLONGONG at LAMBERT PARK 3 pm SUNDAY 10th March

SYDNEY CROATIA vs MARCONI at KING TOMISLAV PARK, 3 pm SUNDAY 10th March

NEWCASTLE UTD. vs SYDNEY OLYMPIC at ADAMSTOWN OVAL, 7 pm SAT. 9th MARCH

PENRITH vs ST GEORGE at COOK PARK, ST MARY'S 3 pm SUNDAY 10th March

INTER-MONARO vs CANBERRA at SEIFFERT OVAL, 3 pm SUNDAY 10th March

SYDNEY CITY vs BLACKTOWN at WENTWORTH PARK 3 pm SATURDAY 9th March

**SOUTH
MELBOURNE
HELLAS
'84 CHAMPIONS**



Back row: Alan Davidson, Angie Postecoglou, Oscar Crino, Steve Blair, Bobby Russell, Gen Kikias, Chris Kalifatis. Front row: Ken Murphy, Carl Halford, Peter Laumets, John Yzendoorn, Doug Brown, Charlie Egan.
Missing: John Kanasoulis.

**WHO WILL
IT BE
IN '85?**